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Initial Public Offer of equity shares on the main board of BSE Limited (**"BSE"**) and National Stock Exchange of India Limited (**"NSE"**, and together with BSE, the **"Stock Exchanges"**) in compliance with Chapter II of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, as amended ("**SEBI ICDR Regulations**").

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BILLIONBRAINS GARAGE VENTURES LIMITED

(Please scan this QR code to view the Red Herring Prospectus)

Our Company was incorporated as "Billionbrains Garage Ventures Private Limited" on January 9, 2018, as a private limited company under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, pursuant to a certificate of incorporation dated January 17, 2018, issued by the Registrar of Companies, Central Registration Centre. Pursuant to the Scheme of Amalgamation, approved by the National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench on March 28, 2024, Groww Inc., our erstwhile holding company was amalgamated into and with our Company. For details, see *"History and Certain corporate matters – Other Material Agreements – Scheme of Amalgamation amongst our Company, Groww Inc. and their respective shareholders"* on page 269 of the red herring prospectus dated October 29, 2025 (**"RHP"** or **"Red Herring Prospectus"**) filed with the Registrar of Companies, Karnataka at Bengaluru. Further, our Company was converted into a public limited company and the name of our Company was changed to Billionbrains Garage Ventures Limited, pursuant to a board resolution dated January 29, 2025, shareholders' resolution dated February 21, 2025, and a fresh certificate of incorporation dated April 11, 2025 issued by the Registrar of Companies, Central Processing Centre.

Corporate Identity Number: U72900KA2018PLC109343
Registered and Corporate Office: Vaishnavi Tech Park, South Tower, 3rd Floor, Survey No. 16/1 and 17/2, Ambalipura Village, Varthur Hobli, Bellandur, Bengaluru - 560 103, Karnataka, India
Contact Person: Roshan Bhanuprakash Dave, Company Secretary and Compliance Officer; **Tel:** +91 80 6960 1300; **E-mail:** corp.secretarial@groww.in; **Website:** www.groww.in

PROMOTERS OF OUR COMPANY: LALIT KESHRE, HARSH JAIN, ISHAN BANSAL AND NEERAJ SINGH

INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING OF [●] EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH ("EQUITY SHARES") OF BILLIONBRAINS GARAGE VENTURES LIMITED (OUR "COMPANY" OR THE "ISSUER") FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF ₹[●] PER EQUITY SHARE (INCLUDING A PREMIUM OF ₹[●] PER EQUITY SHARE) (THE "OFFER PRICE") AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION (THE "OFFER"). THE OFFER COMPRISES A FRESH ISSUE OF [●] EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH BY OUR COMPANY AGGREGATING UP TO ₹10,600.00 MILLION (THE "FRESH ISSUE") AND AN OFFER FOR SALE OF UP TO 557,230,051 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION COMPRISING UP TO 158,281,491 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY PEAK XV PARTNERS INVESTMENTS VI-1, 105,481,609 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY YC HOLDINGS II, LLC, 65,668,147 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY RIBBIT CAPITAL V, L.P., 52,464,086 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY GW-E RIBBIT OPPORTUNITY V, LLC, 51,842,810 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY INTERNET FUND VI PTE. LTD., 14,723,398 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY SEQUOIA CAPITAL GLOBAL GROWTH FUND III – U.S./INDIA ANNEX FUND, L.P., 16,266,356 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY PROPEL VENTURE PARTNERS GLOBAL US, LP, 27,505,088 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY KAUFFMAN FELLOWS FUND, L.P., 11,343,750 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY FRIÁLE FUND IV LLC, 18,707,370 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY ALKEON INNOVATION MASTER FUND II, LP, 17,453,620 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY ALKEON INNOVATION MASTER FUND II, PRIVATE SERIES, LP, 8,118,000 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY ALKEON INNOVATION MASTER FUND, LP, 421,248 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY ALKEON INNOVATION OPPORTUNITY MASTER FUND, LP, 5,968,700 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY NIRMAN INVESTMENTS, L.P., AND 2,984,378 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[●] MILLION BY NIRMAN HOLDINGS, L.P., (COLLECTIVELY, THE "SELLING SHAREHOLDERS" AND SUCH OFFER THE "OFFER FOR SALE" AND SUCH EQUITY SHARES SO OFFERED, THE "OFFERED SHARES").

DETAILS OF THE TOP 10 SELLING SHAREHOLDERS, OFFER FOR SALE AND WEIGHTED AVERAGE COST OF ACQUISITION

NAME OF THE TOP 10 SELLING SHAREHOLDERS	TYPE OF SELLING SHAREHOLDER	NUMBER OF OFFERED SHARES/ AMOUNT (₹ IN MILLION)	WEIGHTED AVERAGE COST OF ACQUISITION PER EQUITY SHARE (IN ₹)^*
Peak XV Partners Investments VI-1	Investor Selling Shareholder	Up to 158,281,491 Equity Shares of face value of ₹2 each aggregating up to ₹[●] million	1.91
YC Holdings II, LLC	Investor Selling Shareholder	Up to 105,481,609 Equity Shares of face value of ₹2 each aggregating up to ₹[●] million	3.45
Ribbit Capital V, L.P.	Investor Selling Shareholder	Up to 65,668,147 Equity Shares of face value of ₹2 each aggregating up to ₹[●] million	2.30
GW-E Ribbit Opportunity V, LLC	Investor Selling Shareholder	Up to 52,464,086 Equity Shares of face value of ₹2 each aggregating up to ₹[●] million	37.87
Internet Fund VI Pte. Ltd.	Investor Selling Shareholder	Up to 51,842,810 Equity Shares of face value of ₹2 each aggregating up to ₹[●] million	21.97
Kauffman Fellows Fund, L.P.	Investor Selling Shareholder	Up to 27,505,088 Equity Shares of face value of ₹2 each aggregating up to ₹[●] million	0.51
Alkeon Innovation Master Fund II, LP	Investor Selling Shareholder	Up to 18,707,370 Equity Shares of face value of ₹2 each aggregating up to ₹[●] million	37.83
Alkeon Innovation Master Fund II, Private Series, LP	Investor Selling Shareholder	Up to 17,453,620 Equity Shares of face value of ₹2 each aggregating up to ₹[●] million	37.83
Propel Venture Partners Global US, LP	Investor Selling Shareholder	Up to 16,266,356 Equity Shares of face value of ₹2 each aggregating up to ₹[●] million	5.39
Sequoia Capital Global Growth Fund III - U.S./India Annex Fund, L.P.	Investor Selling Shareholder	Up to 14,723,398 Equity Shares of face value of ₹2 each aggregating up to ₹[●] million	37.94

** The amount paid on the acquisition of the Preference Shares have been considered for calculating the weighted average cost of acquisition per Equity Share.*
^As certified by Manian & Rao, Chartered Accountants, by way of their certificate dated October 29, 2025.
For details of all Selling Shareholders, see "The Offer" beginning on page 85 of the RHP.

PRICE BAND: ₹95 TO ₹100 PER EQUITY SHARE OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 2 EACH.
THE FLOOR PRICE AND THE CAP PRICE ARE 47.50 TIMES AND 50.00 TIMES THE FACE VALUE OF THE EQUITY SHARES, RESPECTIVELY.
BIDS CAN BE MADE FOR A MINIMUM OF 150 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 2 EACH AND IN MULTIPLES OF 150 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2 EACH THEREAFTER.
THE PRICE TO EARNINGS RATIO ("P/E") BASED ON DILUTED EPS FOR FISCAL 2025 FOR THE COMPANY AT THE UPPER END OF THE PRICE BAND IS AS HIGH AS 31.35 TIMES AND AT THE LOWER END OF THE PRICE BAND IS 29.78 TIMES AS COMPARED TO THE AVERAGE INDUSTRY PEER GROUP P/E RATIO OF 40.77 TIMES FOR FISCAL 2025.

BID/OFFER PROGRAMME

BID/OFFER OPENS TODAY

BID/OFFER CLOSES ON : FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 07, 2025#

#UPI mandate end time and date shall be at 5:00 pm on the Bid/Offer Closing Date.

We are a direct-to-customer digital investment platform that provides multiple financial products and services.

The Offer is being made through the book building process in accordance with Regulation 6(2) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations.
THE EQUITY SHARES OF OUR COMPANY WILL GET LISTED ON THE MAIN BOARD OF THE STOCK EXCHANGES. NSE SHALL BE THE DESIGNATED STOCK EXCHANGE.
QIB PORTION: NOT LESS THAN 75% OF THE OFFER | NON-INSTITUTIONAL PORTION: NOT MORE THAN 15% OF THE OFFER | RETAIL PORTION: NOT MORE THAN 10% OF THE OFFER

IN MAKING AN INVESTMENT DECISION, POTENTIAL INVESTORS MUST ONLY RELY ON THE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE RED HERRING PROSPECTUS AND THE TERMS OF THE OFFER, INCLUDING THE RISKS INVOLVED AND NOT RELY ON ANY OTHER EXTERNAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE OFFER AVAILABLE IN ANY MANNER.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee of Independent Directors of our Company, pursuant to their resolution dated October 29, 2025, the above provided price band is justified based on quantitative factors/ KPIs disclosed in the *'Basis for Offer Price'* section on page 158 of the RHP *vis-a-vis* the weighted average cost of acquisition ("WACA") of primary and secondary transaction(s), as applicable, disclosed in *'Basis for Offer Price'* section on page 158 of the RHP .

In relation to the Price Band, potential investors should only refer to this price band advertisement for the Offer and should not rely on any media articles/ reports in relation to the valuation of our Company as these are not endorsed, published or confirmed either by the Company or by the BRLMs.

RISK TO INVESTORS

For details refer to section titled "Risk Factors" on page 37 of the RHP

1. **Market volatility risk:** Our business, operating within India's investment and wealth management industry, are influenced by a variety of domestic factors, including fluctuations in gross domestic product, changes in monetary, tax and other policy measures, political and regulatory developments, inflation, interest rate levels, shifts in consumer spending and saving patterns as well as investor sentiment. Any material slump or prolonged downturn in the Indian or global financial markets could adversely impact the volume of trading and investment patterns which can affect our operations and financial condition.
2. **Technology risk:** Uninterrupted access to our technology platform is critical for our operations System failures and interruptions could adversely affect the availability or performance of our website, mobile applications or platform. The table below provides our software, server and technology expenses that we have incurred to maintain our technology stack.

(in ₹ million, unless otherwise indicated)

Particulars	Three months ended June 30,		Fiscal Year ended March 31,		
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2023
Software, server and technology expenses	1,043.47	948.99	4,408.99	2,641.45	1,352.34
Software, server and technology expenses *(% of total expenses)*	23.47%	16.11%	27.62%	12.77%	17.86%

3. **Business concentration risk:** We derive a significant portion of our revenue from our Broking Services. Any downturn in customers' willingness to use our Broking services could have an adverse impact on our business, financial condition and cash flows. The table below sets forth revenue by product for the period/years indicated:

Particulars	Three months ended				Fiscal Year ended					
	June 30, 2025		June 30, 2024		March 31, 2025		March 31, 2024		March 31, 2023	
Products	₹ million	% of Revenue from operations	₹ million	% of Revenue from operations	₹ million	% of Revenue from operations	₹ million	% of Revenue from operations	₹ million	% of Revenue from operations
Broking Services[(1)]	7,188.90	79.49%	8,747.43	87.40%	32,970.06	84.50%	23,603.22	90.46%	10,304.25	90.27%
Others[(2)]	1,855.08	20.51%	1,260.51	12.60%	6,047.17	15.50%	2,489.59	9.54%	1,111.01	9.73%
Revenue from operations	**9,043.98**	**100.00%**	**10,007.94**	**100.00%**	**39,017.23**	**100.00%**	**26,092.81**	**100.00%**	**11,415.26**	**100.00%**

[(1)] Broking Services include Stocks and Derivatives products.
[(2)] Others include MTF, Consumer Credits, AMC, Other Incidental revenue, and interest income on fixed deposits with banks earmarked with stock exchanges.

4. **Regulatory risk:** Our business is under the purview of regulators and statutory authorities in India, which include, among others, SEBI, RBI and the stock exchanges. We are subject to changes in the regulatory framework applicable to us, and amendments to these regulations may impact our business and operations. For example, in 2024, SEBI introduced a new framework for derivatives (circular titled "Measures to Strengthen Equity Index Derivatives Framework for Increased Investor Protection and Market Stability" dated October 1, 2024), which, among other things, increased the contract size of index derivatives (from a range of ₹0.50 million to ₹1.00 million to a range of ₹1.50 million to ₹2.00 million) and reduced the extent of index derivatives products offered by exchanges which would expire on a weekly basis each with effect from November 20 2024. Further, SEBI's circular dated October 1, 2024 on "Charges levied by Market Infrastructure Institutions - True to Label" (effective from the date of the circular) required us to revise fee structures such that fees we charge do not exceed the actual charges imposed by market infrastructure institutions. As a result of these regulatory changes, our fees and commission income, Broking Transacting Users and Derivatives Active Users declined in the three months ended June 30, 2025 as shown in the table below:

Particulars	Units	Three months ended June 30,		Fiscal Year ended March 31,		
		2025	2024	2025	2024	2023
Broking Transacting Users[(1)]	# millions	6.12	7.24	13.52	9.92	5.49
Derivatives Active Users[(2)]	# millions	1.40	1.95	1.40	1.89	0.80
Fees and Commission income	₹ millions	7,289.42	8,834.62	33,362.74	23,941.15	10,527.24

[(1)] Unique users who have done at least one transaction in Stocks or Derivatives during the reporting period
[(2)] Unique users who have qualified as "New Transacting User" and have transacted in Derivatives on our platform in the last three months of the reporting period.

5. **Risk relating to customer acquisition and retention:** The growth of our business depends on our ability to cost-effectively attract and retain customers on our platform. Any failure to do so could have an adverse impact on our operations, financial condition and results of operations. The following table shows certain metrics related to our customer base for the periods indicated:

(in millions)

Particulars	Three months ended June 30,		Fiscal Year ended March 31,		
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2023
New Transacting Users[(1)]	0.76	1.67	5.97	4.81	2.40
Active Users[(2)]	14.38	10.78	13.94	9.43	5.36

[(1)] New Transacting User is defined as a user who (i) deposited or invested ₹1,000 or more and has undertaken a transaction on our platform, or (ii) has taken a loan on our platform for the first time.
[(2)] Active Users is defined as unique users that have transacted on Groww in the last three months or have total assets greater than ₹0 as on the last day of the reporting period. Active Users are a subset of Total Transacting Users.

6. **Risk relating to profitability:** We incurred net losses for the year in Fiscals 2024 amounting to ₹ 8,054.50 million, primarily due to a one-time tax expense related to the amalgamation of our Company and Groww Inc., as well as performance-based incentive payouts to our management during the year and generated profits in Fiscal 2023, Fiscal 2025 and in the three months ending June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively. If we are unable to generate adequate revenue growth and manage our expenses and cash flows as we grow, we may not be able to sustain our profitability.
7. **Cybersecurity and data breach risk:** We are vulnerable to cyber-attacks, such as hacking, phishing, and trojans, which could exploit our network and disrupt our services and/or result in the theft of sensitive internal company data or customer information. Any actual or perceived cybersecurity, data or privacy breach could interrupt our operations and adversely affect our reputation, brand, business, financial condition and results of operations.
8. **Subsidiary concentration risk:** We derive a significant portion of our revenue from operations from our Material Subsidiaries, Groww Invest Tech Private Limited and Groww Creditserv Technology Private Limited. Any downturn in our subsidiaries performance could have a material adverse impact on our business. The table below sets forth the revenue from operations generated by such subsidiaries for the periods indicated:

Particulars	Three months ended June 30,		Fiscal Year ended March 31,		
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2023
	Revenue contribution as % of consolidated Revenue from Operations				
Groww Invest Tech Private Limited	93.04%	95.59%	93.95%	97.76%	98.06%
Groww Creditserv Technology Private Limited	5.83%	3.53%	5.03%	0.97%	-

9. **Risk relating to profitability of Subsidiaries:** Our Subsidiaries namely Groww Creditserv Technology Private Limited, Groww Asset Management Limited, Groww Trustee Limited, Neobillion Fintech Private Limited, Groww Pay Services Private Limited, Groww Serv Private Limited, Groww Wealth Tech Private Limited, Billionblocks Finserv Private Limited, Groww Insurance Broking Private Limited and Groww IFSC Private Limited have incurred losses in the past and may continue to incur losses. Further, a portion of the Net Proceeds will be invested in Groww Creditserv Technology Private Limited. We may be required to continue providing financial support to these subsidiaries which may adversely affect our consolidated results of operations and financial condition.
10. **Risk relating to negative cash flows:** We had negative cash flows from operations in the three months ended June 30, 2025 and in Fiscal 2025, and may continue to do so in the near term as we expand our business and enhance our products and services. Failure to generate sufficient cash from operations could adversely affect our liquidity and our ability to fund our operations.
11. **Brand and reputation risk:** Our brand "Groww" and its reputation are key drivers of customer trust and our business performance. Any negative media coverage may impact the customer acceptance of our platform.
12. **Competition risk:** We operate in the investment and wealth management industry which is intensely competitive and highly regulated. Our competitors may have, amongst others, substantially greater financial resources, access to a wider customer base, and a longer operating history than us.

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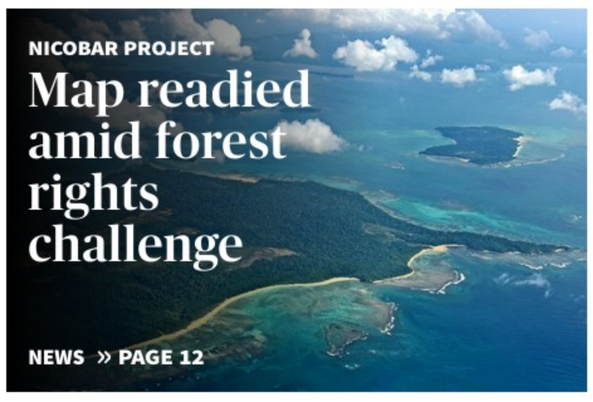

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Darshan, 16 others charged with murder

BENGALURU
A Bengaluru court on Monday framed charges against actor Darshan Thoogudeepa, his friend Pavithra Gowda and 15 others, in the 2024 Renukaswamy murder case. The trial is likely to commence from November 10. » PAGE 8

BMRCL to float tenders for Phase 3 works

BENGALURU
The much-awaited Phase 3 of Namma Metro is finally set to move forward, with the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) preparing to invite tenders for civil works this month.

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19 dead as gravel truck ploughs into govt. bus near Hyderabad

An infant and two drivers were among the dead, while 14 people were injured; lorry driver, likely trying to avoid a pothole, swerved and crashed into an RTC bus coming from the opposite direction; many victims were crushed under the gravel

Naveen Kumar
Lavpreet Kaur
HYDERABAD

Nineteen passengers, including a 40-day-old infant, were killed and 14 injured when a gravel-laden lorry rammed a State transport corporation bus at Chevella near Hyderabad on Monday morning, the police said.

Around 7.10 a.m., the lorry driver, likely trying to avoid a pothole, swerved to the right and crashed into the Regional Transport Corporation (RTC) bus coming from the opposite direction on National Highway no. 163, the police added.

The lorry tore through the right side of the bus, killing a few passengers. However, most of the deaths were caused by asphyxiation after the lorry overturned, spilling the gravel on the passengers and trapping them, an officer of the Cyberabad Police said.

Both drivers were killed on the spot. The lorry was headed to Tandur from Shankarpally while the bus was plying from Tandur to Hyderabad. An earthmover was deployed to remove the gravel and rescue persons trapped inside the bus. No street lights, dividers, and signage were observed over long stretches of the highway.

The Telangana government announced an *ex gratia* of ₹5 lakh for the next of kin of each of the deceased, while the RTC announced ₹2 lakh. President Droupadi Murmu condoled the deaths.

A surgeon at the Community Health Centre, Chevella, said the stretch between Tandur and Hyderabad was narrow.

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Tragic incident: Police and firefighters at the site after a lorry collided with a bus near Hyderabad on Monday. NAGARA GOPAL

Dumper truck hits 17 vehicles in Jaipur, 14 dead

JAIPUR
At least 14 people died and 13 were injured when a rashly driven dumper truck collided into at least 17 vehicles in Jaipur on Monday. The chain collision occurred near Loha Mandi when the driver was allegedly under the influence of alcohol. Local people nabbed him and handed him over to the police. » PAGE 12

Six killed in two separate vehicle accidents in A.P.

BAPATLA/ANAKAPALLI
Six persons died and 19 people, including two children, sustained grievous injuries in two separate vehicle collisions in Bapatla and Anakapalli districts of Andhra Pradesh on Monday. While a car rammed a lorry coming from the opposite direction in Bapatla, a van and autorickshaw collided in Anakapalli. » PAGE 9

SIR of electoral rolls begins in 12 States and U.T.s today

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission will begin the enumeration phase of the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in 12 States and Union Territories on Tuesday.

The SIR exercise will cover close to 51 crore voters in Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and Lakshadweep.

Among these, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, West Bengal, and Puducherry will go to the polls in 2026. The first round of the clean-up exercise was carried out in Bihar earlier this year, during which more than 68 lakh names were deleted from the electoral rolls.

The house-to-house enumeration process will take place from November 4 to December 4. The poll body will publish the draft rolls on December 9, after which claims and objections can be submitted from December 9 to January 8. Notices will be issued, and hearings and verifications will take place from December 9 to January 31. The final electoral rolls will be published on February 7.

In most of these States, the SIR exercise was last carried out between 2002 and 2004.

The poll body has implemented certain changes to the SIR 2.0, drawing upon insights gained from the experience in Bihar. Among the most significant changes is the directive that no documents should be collected from electors during the enumeration phase.

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READER CONNECT INITIATIVE

Giving a fillip to development of urban areas in Karnataka

In the past two-and-a-half years, the Ministry of Urban Development and Town Planning of Karnataka, under the able administration of Byrathi Suresh, has launched and implemented several projects, programmes, schemes aimed towards comprehensive development of the State and also long-lasting impact on society.

Development of urban areas plays a crucial role in the comprehensive growth of a region. In this context, the workings of the ministry of urban development becomes important to catalyse the sustainable urban development which fosters economic growth. It is vital for improving the standard of living of the citizens impacting the socio-economic well being of its inhabitants.

The Congress government led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah took the reins of Karnataka in 2023. The CM appointed B. S. Suresha, popularly known as Byrathi Suresh to head the important portfolio of the Ministry for Urban Development and Town Planning of Karnataka. For the past two and half years, the ministry, under the able administration of Byrathi Suresh, has launched and implemented several projects, programmes, schemes aimed towards comprehensive growth and development of the state of Karnataka. The ministry encompasses several departments such as Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Sewage Board (KUWSSB), Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation (KUIDFC), Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) and 13 Corporations.

e-Khata Abhiyana:

Minister Byrathi Suresh mooted the idea of issuing e-Khata to unauthorised properties. The Government made amendments in the Municipal Acts for making provisions to issue e-Khata to unauthorised properties. In this regard a notification has been issued vide Notification No: DPAL 33 SHASANA 2024 dated: 10.09.2024 bringing the amendment into force. Further, the Property Tax rules were amended, and Notified vide Notification No: UDD 126 GEL 2023 dated: 11.02.2025.

Key highlights of the amendment of the Municipal Act notified on 10.09.2024 were to bring unauthorised properties under the property tax net; Imposing double the property tax for unauthorised properties for the first year and payment of regular property tax in the subsequent years; Maintaining unauthorised assets in a separate register (B-Register); Disciplinary action against officials issuing PID (E-Khata) to newly constructed unauthorised settlements after the amendment notified on 10-09-2024.

Key highlights of the amendment to the Property Tax Rules notified on 11.02.2025 are maintaining the A-Register for authorised assets and the B-Register for unauthorised assets; Issuing Form 2A / 3A for unauthorised properties (including vacant premises) transacted before 10-09-2024; Provisions to serve demand notices, levying taxes, cess, and penalties in prescribed forms. Designating officers to approve tax assessments, property transfers, and creation of new assets and designating appellate authorities.

Approximately 57 lakh properties exist in the state, of which 22.60 lakh properties have been recorded in the e-Aasthi software. Under the e-Khata campaign, a total of 3,10,407 properties have been recorded in the software, including 1,74,450 authorised properties and 1,35,757 unauthorised properties. Meetings are being regularly conducted with the District Project Directors and Commissioners / Chief Officers of Urban Local Bodies, and they have been instructed to treat the e-Khata campaign as a top priority and to issue e-Khatas for properties within their jurisdiction during the campaign period.

This campaign has enabled the citizens to procure digital property documents which cannot be duplicated ensuring secure property records and prevent fraudulent documentations. The e-Khathas have also ensured that the properties can be transacted as well as avail loans from financial institutions.

Simplifying procedures for building developments:

Uniform registration fee to be levied for empanelling professionals in the urban local bodies has been notified vide Notification No: UDD 54 GEL 2025 dated: 30.08.2025. This provision will simplify the registration of empanelled professionals online.

Amendments in the Municipal Acts have been notified vide Notification No: DPAL 55 SHASANA 2025 and DPAL 56 SHASANA 2025 Dated 12.09.2025. The amendments has enabled local bodies to empanel third party professionals in speeding up the approval processes; Enable empanelled professionals to approve building plans for low risk buildings and provision is made to exempt certain buildings from obtaining OC/CC.

Considering the need to provide relief for the vast Middle and Lower income groups in the State, exemption of obtaining CC/OC for buildings in sites up to 1200 Sft has been notified on 24.10.2025. This provision will enable citizens to access required infrastructure facilities conveniently.

Commissionerate of Urban Development Authorities and Town and Country Planning:

In the last Two and half years Final Master plans for Fifteen Local Planning Areas (LPAs) and Provisional Master Plans for Five LPAs under the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961 have been approved in the State;

11 new Local Planning Areas have been declared in the State for the planned development of the emerging urban areas.

In order to ensure planned developments in the Rural areas of the State, regulations under section 4-K of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961 has been notified vide notification No: UDD:16:TTP:2023 dated: 07.05.2025.

These regulations will ensure balanced development in the urban fringe areas and other rural areas with standardised road networks and infrastructure facilities.

In order to provide housing for the citizens in the urban areas approvals for layout development schemes namely, 941 acres of BGSK layout at Hassan, 208 acres of Indavara Layout at Chikkamagaluru, 157 Acres of Kanabaragi revised layout at Belagavi and 16 acres of Kalasapura layout at Gadag Betageri have been granted.

Further the Urban Development Authorities in the state are in the process of planning and preparation of proposals for layout development schemes in the State.

Achievements of KUIDFC in the past two years:

Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development & Finance Corporation Ltd (KUIDFC) is incorporated to develop urban infrastructure in the cities and towns of the State. KUIDFC is implementing Central and State sponsored schemes and externally aided projects.

The Government of Karnataka, with the assistance of the World Bank, is implementing 24x7 uninterrupted water supply project under the Design- Build-Operate and Transfer (DBOT) model contract under the Karnataka Urban Water Supply Modernization Project (KUWSMP) in Hubballi-Dharwad, Belagavi and Kalaburagi at a cost of ₹3740.00 crores.

In the last 2 years,1588 km drinking water pipeline, 24,500 House Service connections have been provided in Belagavi, Hubballi-Dharwad and Kalaburagi cities and 9227 house service connections have been converted from intermittent water supply to continuous 24X7 water supply.

KUIDFC is implementing used water management project under National Green Tribunal (NGT) Compensation Fund at the cost of ₹400.24 Crores in 110 towns. Construction have been taken under this project and work in progress in 97 towns. It is proposed to implement UGD work in 54 cities / towns at the estimate cost of ₹1,518 Crores. Work under progress in 25 cities. Construction of

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Indira Canteens – Easing burden of rising food costs

Successive Congress governments at the Centre and at the State have been in the forefront of building a 'hunger-free' society. Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's 'garibi hatao' campaign caught the imagination of the country. She launched several schemes and programmes for the poor and the underprivileged. The former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh enacted National Food Security Act in 2013 to provide food grains to the poor for free or at subsidised prices. Sonia Gandhi, the then President of the Congress party, the present President Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi have a conviction in Gandhian values and it is their endeavour to share the fruits of development with the poor, oppressed and weaker sections. Thus, the Indira Canteens were started by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to provide affordable meals to the unaffordable. It is only apt that these food houses were named after former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi as Indira Canteens.

The network of Indira Canteen facilities across the State were extended with a revised, region-specific menu. Earlier, during the previous tenure, the Department of Urban Development had established 197 Indira Canteens in towns and cities outside the BBMP limits to provide affordable meals to the public.

These canteens have since served as a vital support system for daily wage earners and economically weaker sections. In the 2023-24 State Budget, the Chief Minister announced that 188 new Indira Canteens will be launched.

These canteens will offer meals with better variety and improved nutrition tailored to local food habits. Ensure wider access to healthy and subsidised food in urban areas. Reinforce the State's commitment to food security and social welfare. Government Support To maintain affordability for the poor without compromising on food quality: Imagine, the entire day's meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) costs just ₹25. The government, ensures that economically weaker sections continue to get nutritious meals at subsidised rates.

Indira Canteens aim to ease the burden of rising food costs on poor and daily wage earned. Also, benefit thousands of families through access to affordable, hygienic meals. Strengthen the State's welfare and nutrition initiatives while supporting regional food diversity.

Common man is happy....

Mangamma, maid-servant:

"Every day I travel long distance to my workplace, I hardly get time to prepare meals, I have my food at nearby Indira Canteen. The quality of food served is excellent"

Selvam. casual labourer:

"Indira Canteen is like a boom to me. I have breakfast and meals here. The food tastes good and it is affordable to people like us"

Venkatesh, autorickshaw driver:

"Indira Canteen is definitely not a burden on my pocket. The food subsidised and also healthy"

Mangilal, unskilled worker:

"My family lives in Rajasthan. So, I have to depend on a hotel. Other hotels are very costly. So, I am solely dependent on Indira Canteen"

EMMANUAL YOGINI

‘We’ve been playing good cricket, but we had to win one big tournament’

Harmanpreet, the 36-year-old India skipper, reveals how the loss against England in the league stage provided the trigger for the dramatic turnaround

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Belief might not be able to move physical mountains, but it can definitely win you a World Cup. Ask India captain Harmanpreet Kaur.

An ODI World Cup campaign that started with so much promise found itself precariously on the edge of a cliff after three losses to the tournament’s eventual semifinalists. India kept calm to make the knockouts and never looked back.

“We felt we could win from the first ball itself,” Harmanpreet told reporters after India clinched the title.

“A lot of things changed for us – especially our self-belief. We have played good cricket for a long time. We knew what we could do as a team. Toss doesn’t matter because we don’t normally win those anyway!” she quipped to much laughter from the press.

“It was a very good match. It seems easy to say now, but there was a lot of tension in between when they were batting. Laura (Wolvaardt) barely gave us a chance,” she added.

The Women in Blue stumbled midway through the tournament, the consecutive defeats to South Africa, Australia and England making fans worry about the team missing the knockouts.

“The last month has been very interesting. It’s very rare for one to stay positive despite things not going your way. Not a single player said, “What will we do now?” Everybody just thought, “It’s okay.” After losing the England match, we were really heartbroken. We were about to win that match, but we collapsed. We had seen this in the past. Amol sir said, ‘You can’t make the same mistakes again and again. You have to cross that line.’ That night changed a lot for us. It had an impact on everyone.”

South Africa didn’t make that any easier. Laura Wolvaardt’s century helped the Proteas take the chase deep. Harmanpreet could be spotted talking to herself constantly as she worked to keep spirits high on the field.

“I was just telling them – keep faith. We’ve worked really hard for this. Opportunities will come, and we have to grab them. ODI cricket is long – there are many phases you have to tick off again and again.”

Against South Africa in the final, India was cheered on by a 39,555-strong crowd, which helped keep the Proteas in the hot seat all the way through.

“We could definitely feel pockets of pressure when we were batting. They (India) would take a few wickets, and then you really felt the pressure to hang in there and build partnerships again. We perhaps crumbled a little bit at the end there,” Wolvaardt admitted.

Despite falling just short of the 300-run mark, Harmanpreet kept faith in her bowlers’ abilities to put the squeeze on South Africa.

“We know our spinners have always been our biggest strength. As soon as Deepti (Sharma) and Shree Charani came, we would start getting wickets. When we went in, we thought we just needed 10 good balls. We just need 10 wickets. Don’t look at the scoreboard, because if you do, you’ll feel pressure. Just think – we have to deliver 10 good balls, take 10 wickets, and the job is done,” Harmanpreet explained.

“And that’s exactly what happened. We focused on wickets. We knew there would be partnerships – they have also come to play hard cricket – but we would only look for wickets. And as the wickets came, we kept talking – three more to go, two more, one more – and kept believing.”

Positives galore

While South Africa was undone by one-the-money deliveries in the final, it had many bright spots in its run this campaign. Disciplined seamers, brave performances from the lower order with the bat.

“I’m pretty proud of the way that we were able to play spin. It’s been a big talking point within this group. With it, we’ve made it to the final of a World Cup in subcontinent conditions too. The seamers had a good tournament too; at some points, they bowled better than our spinners, economy-wise,” Wolvaardt stated.

Wolvaardt’s own imperious knockouts form stand out in a stellar campaign. Two back-to-back centuries in the business end of the tournament gave her some confidence in a year she labelled as less than ideal with the bat.

“My ODI cricket has come a long way in this tournament. To win games, you have to be positive and aggressive. I have tried to explore that a bit in this tournament. It hasn’t been my best year in ODI cricket. I was a bit too conservative and one-dimensional,” she said.

“I am happy with the different options I was able to bring in through this tournament. Today, I scored quite a lot of leg-side runs or a few leg-side boundaries, which is something I’ve been working on to open up different spaces because teams often stack the offside and dot me up there.”

Injury struggles

India, meanwhile, had to deal with a host of issues en route to the final: the team setup, mounting dot ball percentage, top order’s struggles initially and sub-par fielding, to name a few. While they managed to get on top of all of that by the end, the one thing they could do nothing about was injuries, which hit morale before and during the tournament.

“We didn’t want Pratika (Rawal) to face any such thing. When she got injured, everybody was crying.

“Even before that, when Yastika (Bhatia) got injured during our training camp, everybody was crying because this team is very special. They pray for each other. They stay together in ups and downs,” Harmanpreet said.

“First, Yastika leaving the team was heartbreaking for us. Then, when we were just starting to do well, Pratika got injured. But when Shafali came, we didn’t want her to feel that she came in under an injury cloud. Even Pratika was so positive. I think everyone took everything positively. They didn’t think, “Why is this happening to us?” Before the tournament started, we had an injury; in the middle of the tournament, we had a big injury. Yet, everybody was so positive. Everyone was thinking that our end goal was this trophy. We worked hard and this is the result.”

As the Women in Blue inched closer to victory before a capacity crowd at the D.Y. Patil Stadium here, social media and broadcasting channels were flooded with comparisons to the 1983 World Cup victory by Kapil Dev’s side and India’s inspirational run in a home World Cup in 2011. Harmanpreet, too, much like Kapil did then, took an important catch to seal the game in India’s favour. The parallels are not lost on the 36-year-old.

“I’ve played many World Cups with Smriti. Every time we lost, we went home heartbroken and stayed quiet for a few days. When we returned, we always said – we have to start again from ball one. It was heartbreaking because we played so many World Cups – reaching finals, semifinals, and sometimes not even that far. We were always thinking, when will we break this.

“We have been talking about this for many years – we’ve been playing good cricket, but we had to win one big tournament. Without that, we couldn’t talk about change.

“At the end of the day, fans and the audience want to see their favourite team win. It’s not that we weren’t playing good cricket, but we were waiting badly for this moment, and today we got a chance to live it.”

Honouring legends

One of the most memorable images of the night was the side calling former cricketers Mithali Raj, Jhulan Goswami, Reema Malhotra, Anjum Chopra, and others to take part in the celebrations, as an acknowledgment of the paths they paved for the generations that followed.

“Jhulan *Di* was my biggest support. When I joined the team, she was leading it. She always supported me in my early days when I was very raw and didn’t know much about cricket. I used to play with boys, and the school principal picked me up, and within a year, I started representing the country,” she said.

“In the initial days, Anjum supported me a lot. I always remember how she used to take me along with her team. I learnt a lot from her and passed it on to my team. Both of them have been a great support for me. I’m very grateful that I got to share a special moment with them. It was a very emotional moment. I think we all were waiting for this. Finally, we were able to touch this trophy.”

An embrace with Jhulan turned into a big hug with everyone in tears.

Meanwhile, despite it being a third defeat in as many World Cup finals for South Africa, Wolvaardt chose to focus on the positives of an undoubtedly spirited campaign.

“To make it all the way to the final is really awesome. We played some good cricket through this tournament. At one stage, we won five games in a row, which is really big for this group. We were searching for a consistency that we don’t necessarily have in bilaterals,” the 26-year-old opening batter said.

“Making the 2023 T20 World Cup final helped put domestic contracts in place, which was big for our depth as a team. The 2024 T20 World Cup final made us bigger names in cricket.

“We’re the team that is consistently making finals now, whereas before, it was maybe a one-time thing. I am really proud of making the finals three times in a row. It shows that we’re doing something right domestically and from a squad perspective. Hopefully, we can keep doing that and one day, we can win one!”

THE QUOTES

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13. The Offer also consists of an offer for sale up to 557,230,051 Equity Shares (approximately 84.02% of the Total Offer Size at upper end of the Price Band), the proceeds of which will not be available to the Company.
14. The average cost of acquisition of Equity Shares for Selling Shareholders ranges from ₹ 0.29 per Equity Share to ₹ 37.94 per Equity Share and the Offer Price at upper end of the Price Band is ₹ 100 per Equity Share.
15. The Price to Earnings ratio based on diluted EPS for financial year ended 2025 for the Company at the upper end of the Price Band is as high as 31.35 times as compared to the average industry peer group PE ratio of 40.77 times.
16. Weighted Average Return on Net Worth for Financial Years ended 2025, 2024 and 2023 is 10.53%.
17. The 5 Book Running Lead Managers associated with the Offer have handled 102 public issues in the past three Financial Years, out of which 23 issues closed below the issue price on the listing date:

Name of the BRLMs	Total Public Issues	Issues closed below IPO price on listing date
Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited*	9	3
J.P. Morgan India Private Limited*	2	1
Citigroup Global Markets India Private Limited*	2	1
Axis Capital Limited*	29	7
Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors Limited*	23	7
Common issues of above BRLMs	37	4
Total	**102**	**23**

**Issues handled where there were no common BRLMs.*

18. Weighted average cost of acquisition of all shares transacted in the three years, 18 months and one year preceding the date of the Red Herring Prospectus:

Period	Weighted average cost of acquisition (in ₹)*@$	Cap Price is 'x' times the weighted average cost of acquisition	Range of acquisition price: lowest price – highest price (in ₹)*
Last one year preceding the date of the RHP	7.15	13.99	Nil*# to 96.56
Last 18 months preceding the date of the RHP	5.32	18.80	Nil*# to 96.56
Last three years preceding the date of the RHP	5.32	18.80	Nil*# to 96.56

As certified by Manian & Rao, Chartered Accountants, by way of their certificate dated October 29, 2025.

**# Allotment pursuant to Bonus Issue*

@ The amount paid on the acquisition of the Preference Shares in the last one year, eighteen months and three years respectively have been considered for calculating the weighted average cost of acquisition per Equity Share

$ Calculated excluding allotment of Equity Shares on conversion of Preference Shares pursuant to the Board resolution dated September 29, 2025

Notes: The price originally paid for acquiring shares in Groww Inc. has been considered while arriving at the acquisition price of the shares allotted in the Company pursuant to the Scheme of Amalgamation. Exchange rates for the period January 26, 2018 to June 13, 2018 have been considered from investing.com and post June 13, 2018 the exchange rates have been considered from fbil.org.in

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS

1. **No pre-IPO placement has been undertaken by our Company.**
2. **The Promoters or members of promoter group have not undertaken any transaction of shares aggregating up to 1% or more of the paid-up Equity Share capital of the Company from the UDRHP-I filling date.**
3. **For further information refer to "Capital Structure" on page 106 of the RHP and our price band advertisement for the aggregate Equity Shareholding and percentage of the pre-Offer paid-up Equity Share capital and post-Offer Equity shareholding, of our Promoter, members of our Promoter Group and additional Shareholders of our Company.**

BASIS FOR OFFER PRICE

(The "Basis for Offer Price" section on 158 of the RHP has been updated with the above price band. Please refer to the websites of the BRLMs: https://investmentbank.kotak.com, www.jpmipl.com, www.citigroup.com/ global/aboutus/globalpresence/india/regulatory-disclosures-investment-banking, www.axiscapital.co.in and www.motilaloswalgroup.com for the "Basis for Offer Price" updated with the above price band) (you may scan the QR code for accessing the website of Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited)

ASBA# **Simple, Safe, Smart way of Application!!!**

Applications supported by blocked amount (ASBA) is a better way of applying to issues by simply blocking the fund in the bank account, For further details, check section on ASBA.

Mandatory in public issues. No cheque will be accepted.

UPI UNIFIED PAYMENTS INTERFACE

UPI-Now available in ASBA for Retail Individual Investors and Non - Institutional Investor applying for amount upto ₹ 5,00,000/-, applying through Registered Brokers, DPs and RTAs. UPI Bidder also have the option to submit the application directly to the ASBA Bank (SCSBs) or to use the facility of linked online trading, demat and bank account. Investors are required to ensure that the bank account used for bidding is linked to their PAN. Bidders must ensure that their PAN is linked with Aadhaar and are in compliance with CBDT notification dated February 13, 2020, issued by the Central Board of Direct Taxes and the subsequent press releases, including press releases dated June 25, 2021 and September 17, 2021 and CBDT circular no.7 of 2022, dated March 30, 2022 read with press release dated March 28, 2023 and any subsequent press releases in this regard.

ASBA has to be availed by all the investors except anchor investors. UPI may be availed by (i) Retail Individual Investors in the Retail Portion; (ii) Non-Institutional Investors with an application size of up to ₹ 0.50 million in the Non-Institutional Portion. For details on the ASBA and UPI process, please refer to the details given in ASBA form and abridged prospectus and also please refer to the section *"Offer Procedure"* on page 460 of the RHP. The process is also available on the website of Association of Investment Bankers of India ("**AIBI**") and Stock Exchanges and in the General Information Document. ASBA bid-cum-application forms can be downloaded from the websites of the Stock Exchanges and can be obtained from the list of banks that is displayed on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/OtherAction.do?doRecognisedFpi=yes&intmId=35 and https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/OtherAction.do?doRecognisedFpi= yes&intmId=43, respectively as updated from time to time. For the list of UPI apps and banks live on IPO, please refer to the link: www.sebi.gov.in. UPI Bidders Bidding using the UPI mechanism may apply through the SCSBs and mobile applications whose names appear on the website of SEBI, as updated from time to time. Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited and ICICI Bank Limited have been appointed as Sponsor Banks for the Offer, in accordance with the requirements of the SEBI Circular dated November 1, 2018 as amended. For Offer related queries, please contact the BRLMs on their respective email IDs as mentioned below. For UPI related queries, investors can contact NPCI at the toll free number: 18001201740 and mail Id: ipo.upi@npci.org.in.

An indicative timetable in respect of the Offer is set out below:

Submission of Bids (other than Bids from Anchor Investors):

Bid/Offer Period (except the Bid/Offer Closing Date)	
Submission and Revision in Bids	Only between 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. IST
Bid/Offer Closing Date*	
Submission of Electronic Applications (Online ASBA through 3-in-1 accounts) - For RIIs, other than QIBs and Non-Institutional Investors	Only between 10.00 a.m. and up to 5.00 p.m. IST
Submission of Electronic Applications (Bank ASBA through Online channels like Internet Banking, Mobile Banking and Syndicate UPI ASBA applications)	Only between 10.00 a.m. and up to 4.00 p.m. IST
Submission of Electronic Applications (Syndicate Non-Retail, Non-Individual Applications)	Only between 10.00 a.m. and up to 3.00 p.m. IST
Submission of Physical Applications (Bank ASBA)	Only between 10.00 a.m. and up to 1.00 p.m. IST
Submission of Physical Applications (Syndicate Non-Retail, Non-Individual Applications of QIBs and Non-Institutional Investors	Only between 10.00 a.m. and up to 12.00 p.m. IST
Modification/ Revision/cancellation of Bids	
Upward Revision of Bids by QIBs and Non-Institutional Investors categories#	Only between 10.00 a.m. on the Bid/Offer Opening Date and up to 4.00 p.m. IST on Bid/Offer Closing Date
Upward or downward Revision of Bids or cancellation of Bids by RIIs	Only between 10.00 a.m. on the Bid/Offer Opening Date and up to 5.00 p.m. IST on Bid/Offer Closing Date

**UPI mandate end time and date shall be at 5:00 pm on the Bid/Offer Closing Date.*

#QIBs and Non-Institutional Investors can neither revise their bids downwards nor cancel/ withdraw their Bids.

Bid/Offer Period

Event	Indicative Date
BID/OFFER OPENS ON^	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025
BID/OFFER CLOSES ON#	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025
FINALISATION OF BASIS OF ALLOTMENT WITH THE DESIGNATED STOCK EXCHANGE	On or about MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025
INITIATION OF REFUNDS FOR ANCHOR INVESTORS/ UNBLOCKING OF FUNDS FROM ASBA ACCOUNT*	On or about TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025
CREDIT OF EQUITY SHARES TO DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS	On or about TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025
COMMENCEMENT OF TRADING OF THE EQUITY SHARES ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE	On or about WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025

^The Anchor Investor Bid/ Offer Period shall be one Working Day prior to the Bid/Offer Opening Date in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, being Monday, November 3, 2025.

#UPI mandate end time and date shall be at 5:00 pm on the Bid/Offer Closing Date.

**In case of any delay in unblocking of amounts in the ASBA Accounts (including amounts blocked through the UPI Mechanism) exceeding two Working Days from the Bid/Offer Closing Date for cancelled/withdrawn/deleted ASBA Forms, the Bidder shall be compensated at a uniform rate of ₹100 per day or 15% per annum of the Bid Amount, whichever is higher, from three Working Days from Bid/Offer Closing Date till the date of actual unblock, by the intermediary responsible for causing such delay in unblocking. The BRLMs and shall, in their sole discretion, identify and fix the liability on such intermediary or entity responsible for such delay in unblocking. The Bidder shall be compensated by the manner specified in the SEBI ICDR Master Circular, which for the avoidance of doubt, shall be deemed to be incorporated in the deemed agreement of the Company with the SCSBs, to the extent applicable. The processing fees for applications made by UPI Bidders using the UPI Mechanism may be released to the remitter banks (SCSBs) only after such banks provide a written confirmation in compliance with the SEBI ICDR Master Circular, for which the avoidance of doubt, shall be deemed to be incorporated in the deemed agreement of the Company with the SCSBs, to the extent applicable. The processing fee for applications made by the UPI Bidders using the UPI Mechanism may be released to the remitter banks (SCSBs) only after such banks provide a written confirmation on compliance with the SEBI ICDR Master Circular.*

THE EQUITY SHARES OF OUR COMPANY WILL GET LISTED ON MAIN BOARD PLATFORM OF THE STOCK EXCHANGES

In case of any revision in the Price Band, the Bid/ Offer Period shall be extended for at least three additional Working Days after such revision of the Price Band, subject to the total Bid/ Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. In cases of force majeure, banking strike or similar unforeseen circumstances, our Company may, in consultation with the BRLMs, for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the Bid/ Offer Period for a minimum of one Working Day, subject to the Bid/ Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. Any revision in the Price Band, and the revised Bid/ Offer Period, if applicable, shall be widely disseminated by notification to the Stock Exchanges, by issuing a public notice and also by indicating the change on the respective websites of the BRLMs and at the terminals of the Members of the Syndicate and by intimation to Designated Intermediaries and Sponsor Bank(s), as applicable.

The Offer is being made in terms of Rule 19(2)(b) of the SCRR read with Regulation 31 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations. The Offer is being made through the Book Building Process in accordance with Regulation 6(2) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations wherein in terms of Regulation 32(2) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, not less than 75% of the Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("**QIBs**", and such portion, the "**QIB Portion**") provided that our Company in consultation with the BRLMs, may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, of which at least one-third shall be available for allocation to domestic Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received from domestic Mutual Funds at or above the Anchor Investor Allocation Price. In the event of under-subscription or non-allocation in the Anchor Investor Portion, the balance Equity Shares shall be added to the QIB Portion (excluding the Anchor Investor Portion) ("**Net QIB Portion**"). Further, 5% of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis only to Mutual Funds and the remainder of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to all QIB Bidders (other than Anchor Investors) including Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. However, if the aggregate demand from Mutual Funds is less than 5% of the QIB Portion, the balance Equity Shares available for allocation in the Mutual Fund Portion will be added to the remaining QIB Portion for proportionate allocation to QIBs. If at least 75% of the Offer cannot be Allotted to QIBs, then the entire application money will be refunded forthwith. Further, not more than 15% of the Offer shall be available for allocation to Non-Institutional Bidders (the "**Non-Institutional Bidders**") out of which (a) one-third of such Non-Institutional portion shall be reserved for applicants with application size of more than ₹200,000 and up to ₹1,000,000; and (b) two-third of such Non-Institutional portion shall be reserved for applicants with application size of more than ₹1,000,000 provided that the unsubscribed Non-Institutional portion in either of such sub-categories may be allocated to applicants in the other sub-category of Non-Institutional Bidders in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. The allocation to each Non-Institutional Investor shall not be less than the minimum application size, subject to availability of Equity Shares in the Non-Institutional Portion and the remaining available Equity Shares, if any, shall be allocated on a proportionate basis in accordance with the conditions specified in this regard in Schedule XIII of the SEBI ICDR Regulations. Further not more than 10% of the Offer shall be available for allocation to RIIs in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received from them at or above the Offer Price. Anchor Investors are not permitted to participate in the Anchor Investor Portion of the Offer through the ASBA process. For details, see *"Offer Procedure"* beginning on page 460 of the RHP.

Bidders/ Applicants should ensure that DP ID, PAN, Client ID and UPI ID (for UPI Bidders bidding through the UPI Mechanism) are correctly filled in the Bid cum Application Form. The DP ID, PAN and Client ID provided in the Bid cum Application Form should match with the DP ID, PAN, Client ID available in the Depository database, otherwise, the Bid cum Application Form is liable to be rejected. Bidders/ Applicants should ensure that the beneficiary account provided in the Bid cum Application Form is active. Bidders/Applicants should note that on the basis of the PAN, DP ID, Client ID and UPI ID (for UPI Bidders bidding through the UPI Mechanism) as provided in the Bid cum Application Form, the Bidder/Applicant may be deemed to have authorised the Depositories to provide to the Registrar to the Offer, any requested Demographic Details of the Bidder/Applicant as available on the records of the depositories. These Demographic Details may be used, among other things, for giving Allotment Advice or unblocking of ASBA Account or for other correspondence(s) related to the Offer. Bidders/Applicants are advised to update any changes to their Demographic Details as available in the records of the Depository Participant to ensure accuracy of records. Any delay resulting from failure to update the Demographic Details would be at the Bidders'/Applicants' sole risk. Investors must ensure that their PAN is linked with Aadhaar and are in compliance with CBDT notification dated February 13, 2020 and press release dated June 25, 2021, read with press release dated September 17, 2021 and CBDT circular no.7 of 2022, dated March 30, 2022 read with press release dated March 28, 2023 and any subsequent press releases in this regard.

Contents of the Memorandum of Association of our Company as regards its objects: For information on the main objects of our Company, please see the section "*History and Certain Corporate Matters*" on page 263 of the RHP. The Memorandum of Association of our Company is a material document for inspection in relation to the Offer. For further details, please see the section titled "*Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection*" on page 526 of the RHP.

Liability of the members of our Company: Limited by shares

Amount of share capital of our Company and Capital structure: As on the date of the RHP, the authorised share capital of the Company is ₹ 46,650,000,000 divided into 23,325,000,000 Equity Shares of ₹2 each, and ₹ 3,350,000,000 divided into 335,000,000 Preference Shares of face value of ₹10 each. The issued, subscribed and paid-up share capital of the Company is ₹ 12,135,193,262 divided into 6,067,596,631 Equity Shares of face value ₹ 2 each. For details, please see the section titled *"Capital Structure"* on page 106 of the RHP.

Names of signatories to the Memorandum of Association of our Company and the number of Equity Shares subscribed by them: The initial signatories to the Memorandum of Association of our Company are Groww Inc and Shatrughan Kumar Roy. For details of the share capital history of our Company, please see the section titled *"Capital Structure"* on page 106 of the RHP.

Listing: The Equity Shares offered through the Red Herring Prospectus are proposed to be listed on the Stock Exchanges. Our Company has received in-principle approvals from BSE and NSE for listing of the Equity Shares pursuant to their letters each dated July 4, 2025. For the purposes of the Offer, NSE shall be the Designated Stock Exchange. A signed copy of the Red Herring Prospectus has been delivered and the Prospectus shall be filed with the RoC in accordance with Section 32 and Section 26(4) of the Companies Act, 2013, respectively.

Disclaimer Clause of the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"): SEBI only gives its observations on the Offer documents and this does not constitute approval of either the Offer or the specified securities stated in the Offer Document. The investors are advised to refer to page 424 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of SEBI.

Disclaimer Clause of NSE (Designated Stock Exchange): It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by NSE should not in any way be deemed or construed that the Offer Document has been cleared or approved by NSE nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the Offer Document. The investors are advised to refer to page 433 of the RHP for the full text of the Disclaimer Clause of NSE.

Disclaimer Clause of BSE: It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by BSE should not in any way be deemed or construed that the Red Herring Prospectus has been cleared or approved by BSE nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the Red Herring Prospectus. The investors are advised to refer to page 432 of the Red Herring Prospectus for the full text of the Disclaimer Clause of BSE.

General Risk: Investments in equity and equity-related securities involve a degree of risk and investors should not invest any funds in the Offer unless they can afford to take the risk of losing their entire investment. Investors are advised to read the risk factors carefully before taking an investment decision in the Offer. For taking an investment decision, investors must rely on their own examination of our Company and the Offer, including the risks involved. The Equity Shares have not been recommended or approved by the SEBI, nor does SEBI guarantee the accuracy or adequacy of the contents of the Red Herring Prospectus. Specific attention of the investors is invited to *"Risk Factors"* beginning on page 37 of the RHP.

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AVAILABILITY OF THE RHP: Investors are advised to refer to the RHP and the section titled *"Risk Factors"* on page 37 of the RHP, before applying in the Offer. A copy of the RHP is available on website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in, websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively, and on the website of the Company at www.groww.in; and on the websites of the **BRLMs,** i.e. Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited, J.P. Morgan India Private Limited, Citigroup Global Markets India Private Limited, Axis Capital Limited and Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors Limited at https://investmentbank.kotak.com, www.jpmipl.com, www.citigroup.com/global/aboutus/globalpresence/india/regulatory-disclosures-investment-banking, www.axiscapital.co.in, www.motilaloswalgroup.com, respectively.

AVAILABILITY OF THE ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS: A copy of the abridged prospectus is available on the website of the Company, the BRLMs and the Registrar to the Offer at www.groww.in, https://investmentbank.kotak.com, www.jpmipl.com, www.citigroup.com/global/aboutus/globalpresence/india/regulatory-disclosures-investment-banking, www.axiscapital.co.in, www.motilaloswalgroup.com and https://in.mpms.mufg.com/, respectively.

AVAILABILITY OF BID CUM APPLICATION FORMS: Bid cum Application Forms can be obtained from the Registered and Corporate Office of **BILLIONBRAINS GARAGE VENTURES LIMITED, Tel:** +91 80 6960 1300; **BRLMs : Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited, Tel:** +91 22 4336 0000, **J.P. Morgan India Private Limited, Tel:** +91 22 6157 3000, **Citigroup Global Markets India Private Limited, Tel:** +91 22 6175 9999, **Axis Capital Limited, Tel:** +91 22 4325 2183, and **Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors Limited, Tel:** +91 22 7193 4380 , **Syndicate Members: Kotak Securities Limited, Telephone:** +91 22 6218 5410, **Motilal Oswal Financial Services Limited, Telephone:** +91 22 7193 4200 and at the select locations of the Sub-syndicate Members (as given below), SCSBs, Registered Brokers, RTAs and CDPs participating in the Offer. Bid cum Application Forms will also be available on the websites of BSE and NSE and the Designated Branches of SCSBs, the list of which is available at websites of the Stock Exchanges and SEBI.

Sub-Syndicate Members: Alankit Imaginations Limited, Almondz Global Securities Ltd., Anand Rathi Share & Stock Brokers Limited, Anand Share Consultancy, ANS Pvt Limited, Asit C Mehta Investment Intermediates Limited, Axis Securities Limited, Centrum Broking Limited, Dalal & Broacha Stock Broking Private Limited, Finwizard Technology Private Limited, G Raj & Co. (Consultants) Limited, HDFC Securities Limited, ICICI Securities Limited, IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Limited, IIFL Capital Services Limited, IIFL Securities Ltd., Innovate Securities Pvt Limited, Jhaveri Securities, JM Financial Services Limited, Jobanputra Fiscal Services Private Limited, Kalpataru Multiplier Limited, Kantilal Chhaganlal Securities Pvt. Ltd., Keynote Capitals Limited, KJMC Capital Market Services Limited, Lakshmishree Investment & Securities Pvt Limited, LKP Securities Limited, Marwadi Shares & Finance, Nirmal Bang Securities Pvt Limited, Nuvama Wealth and Investment Limited (Edelweiss Broking Limited), Patel Wealth Advisors Pvt Limited, Prabhudas Lilladher Pvt Limited, Pravin Ratilal Share And Stock Brokers Ltd., RR Equity Brokers Private Limited, SBICAP Securities Limited, Sharekhan Limited, SMC Global Securities Limited, SS Corporate Securities Limited, Tanna Financial Services, TradeBulls Securites (P) Ltd., Upstox Securities Private Limited, Viren M Shah, YES Securities (India) Limited.

Escrow Collection Bank: Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited • **Refund Bank:** Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

Public Offer Account Bank: ICICI Bank Limited • **Sponsor Banks:** Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited and ICICI Bank Limited

All capitalized terms used herein and not specifically defined shall have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the RHP.

For **BILLIONBRAINS GARAGE VENTURES LIMITED**
On behalf of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
Roshan Bhanuprakash Dave
Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

Place: Bengaluru, Karnataka
Date: November 3, 2025

BILLIONBRAINS GARAGE VENTURES LIMITED is proposing, subject to receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, to make an initial public offering of its Equity Shares and has filed the RHP with RoC on October 29, 2025. The RHP is available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in, as well as on the websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE and NSE at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively, on the website of the Company at www.groww.in; and on the websites of the BRLMs, i.e. Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited, J.P. Morgan India Private Limited, Citigroup Global Markets India Private Limited, Axis Capital Limited and Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors Limited at https://investmentbank.kotak.com, www.jpmipl.com, www.citigroup.com/global/aboutus/globalpresence/india/regulatory-disclosures-investment-banking, www.axiscapital.co.in, www.motilaloswalgroup.com, respectively. Any potential investors should note that investment in equity shares involves a high degree of risk and for details relating to such risk, see *'Risk Factors'* beginning on page 37 of the RHP. Potential investors should not rely on the UDRHP-I filed with SEBI and Stock Exchanges for making any investment decision and should instead rely on the RHP, for making any investment decision.

This announcement is not an offer of securities for sale in the United States or elsewhere. This announcement has been prepared for publication in India only and is not for publication or distribution, directly or indirectly, in or into the United States. The Equity Shares described in this announcement have not been, and will not be, registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("**U.S. Securities Act**") or any state securities laws in the United States, and unless so registered, may not be offered or sold within the United States, or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. Persons (as defined in Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable U.S. state securities laws. The Company has not registered and does not intend to register under the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940 ("**Investment Company Act**"). Accordingly, the Equity Shares are being offered and sold (i) to persons in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, in each case that are both "qualified institutional buyers" as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act and "qualified purchasers" as defined under the Investment Company Act in transactions exempt from or not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act and in reliance on Section 3(c)(7) of the Investment Company Act and (ii) outside the United States to non-U.S. persons in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act and the applicable laws of the jurisdictions where such offers and sales are made. There will be no public offering in the United States.

BMRCL to float tenders for Phase 3

Also referred to as the Orange Line, Phase 3 will feature two major corridors spanning 44.65 km with 31 elevated stations

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The much-awaited Phase 3 of Namma Metro is finally set to move forward, with the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) preparing to invite tenders for civil works this month.

Nearly a year after securing approval from the Union Cabinet, the project, popularly known as the Orange Line, is entering a crucial stage of implementation.

While the project initially aimed for completion by 2029 or mid-2030, the revised deadline now stands at May 2031. K. MURALI KUMAR

For civil works

A senior BMRCL official confirmed that tenders for the project's civil components will be invited soon. "We are in the final stages of preparing tender documents. The plan is to issue them in multiple packages covering viaduct construction, station works, track installation, and depot development. Once the bidding process concludes, groundwork is expected to begin by December 2025 or January 2026," the official said.

The construction will be divided into at least eight contract packages to ensure faster execution and easier coordination among contractors.

Phase 3 of Namma Metro will feature two major corridors spanning a total of 44.65 km with 31 elevated stations. Corridor 1 will cover 32.15 km from J.P. Nagar Phase 4 to Kempapura, while Corridor 2 will cover 12.5 km from Hosahalli to Kadabagere.

The ₹15,611-crore project was officially launched on August 10, 2025, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Yellow Line connecting R.V. Road to Bommasandra and simultaneously laid the foundation stone for Phase 3. One of the unique features of this phase is the incorporation of double-decker flyovers along select stretches of the corridor. According to the BMRCL officials, the inclusion of double-decker viaducts required substantial design changes. "These modifications increased the overall height of the alignment, which, in turn, called for additional road-widening and nearly 25% more land for the station structures," an official explained.

Deadline

While the project initially aimed for completion by 2029 or mid-2030, the revised deadline now stands at May 2031.

"We expect construction to take approximately five and a half years once it starts. The inclusion of double-decker flyovers will add significant long-term value by easing congestion, but it also extends the overall timeline by about a year," the official added.

The Phase 3 is strategically designed to enhance interconnectivity with existing and upcoming metro lines, ensuring smoother travel across the city. The new corridors will offer multiple interchange points with key lines of the Namma Metro network – Peenya and J.P. Nagar stations on the Green Line, Mysuru Road on the Purple Line, and Sumanahalli on the Hosahalli-Kadabagere corridor.

J.P. Nagar Phase 4 will provide a link to the Pink Line near Bannerghatta Road, while Hebbal will become an important interchange hub connecting the Blue Line towards Kempegowda International Airport and the Red Line running between Hebbal and Sarjapur. These interconnections are expected to significantly improve last-mile access and reduce dependence on road transport for cross-city travel.

Projected ridership

The total estimated cost of the project is ₹15,611 crore. Of this, about ₹7,577 crore will be raised through loans, while approximately ₹450 crore is expected from non-fare revenue sources such as station naming rights, commercial advertising, and property development. The remainder will be financed through budgetary support from both the Central and State governments.

Once operational, the Orange Line will extend metro connectivity to the western stretches of the Outer Ring Road and less-served areas along Magadi Road. The line is projected to carry around 7.85 lakh passengers daily, providing a major relief to commuters.

With the completion of Phase 3, Bengaluru's metro network will expand to a total length of 222.2 km.

Confusion over Pink Line deadline after DKS's post on X

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

Confusion broke out on Monday after Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar announced on social media that the Namma Metro's long-awaited Pink Line, connecting Kalena Agrahara to Nagawara, would be operational by May 2026.

Contradiction

Mr.Shivakumar's announcement, however, contradicted previous statements made by the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), which had maintained that the 21.3-km corridor would open in two stages with the full line expected only by the end of 2026.

In an X post, Mr. Shivakumar, who also holds the Bengaluru Development portfolio, wrote: "Our commitment to better connectivity continues! Namma Metro Pink Line connecting Kalena Agrahara to Nagawara will be operational by May 2026. This 13.76-km stretch will ease traffic and strengthen north-south connectivity across Bengaluru."

Scepticism

The announcement immediately drew attention and some scepticism from social media users who recalled that the BMRCL had repeatedly stated that the May 2026 deadline applied only to the elevated section of the line between Kalena Agrahara and Tavarekere on Bannerghatta Road. The remaining underground stretch, from Dairy Circle to Nagawara, was still under construction, with the BMRCL earlier setting December 2026 as the target for completion.

BMRCL clarifies

When contacted by *The Hindu*, a senior BMRCL official clarified the situation. "Only the elevated section around 7.5 km from Tavarekere to Kalena Agrahara is expected to be ready by May 2026. The 13.76-km underground stretch, running from Dairy Circle to Nagawara and passing through key hubs like M.G. Road, Shivajinagar, and Tannery Road, is scheduled for completion by December 2026," the official said.

The official added that civil construction work for the elevated section had already been completed, while track laying and system integration were progressing across both sections. "Station work is still under way in the underground segment," the official noted.

BEML's train supply

Meanwhile, another senior BMRCL source cautioned that the operational timelines still hinge on train supply schedules. "These are optimistic estimates. It all depends on BEML delivering the train sets on time. As per the contract, the BEML was expected to supply the trains by June 2025, but the schedule has been delayed. We now expect delivery in 2026 so that trial runs, inspections, and CMRS approvals can be completed as planned," official said.

In August 2023, the Bengaluru-based public sector unit BEML Ltd. secured a contract to manufacture and maintain 318 metro coaches (53 trainsets) over 15 years. This included 96 coaches designated for the Pink Line and 222 coaches for the Blue Line, which covers Phase 2A and 2B extensions.

Multiple delays

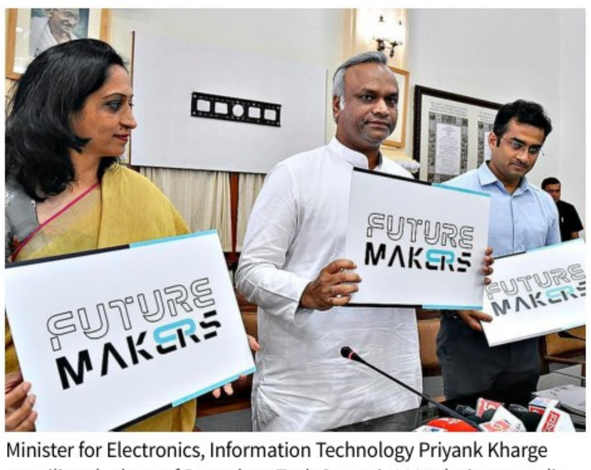
Like other metro corridors, the Pink Line project has faced multiple delays since its inception. Initially proposed to be operational by 2020, the deadline was first extended to December 2025.

The Pink Line, forming a key part of Namma Metro Phase 2, will stretch 21.3 km from Kalena Agrahara in the south to Nagawara in the north. Of this, 13.8 km comprises underground tunnels, while 7.5 km is an elevated viaduct.

Maiden edition of Bengaluru Skill Development Summit to begin today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Skill Development Corporation (KSDC), in collaboration with the Karnataka Skill Development Authority (KSDA) and knowledge partner Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM), will host a three-day summit at The Lalit Ashok in the city starting Tuesday.



Minister for Electronics, Information Technology Priyank Kharge unveiling the logo of Bengaluru Tech Summit 2025 during a media briefing in Bengaluru on Monday. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

Looking ahead at 2030

According to organisers, the theme of the event is 'Workforce 2030: Scale, Systems, Synergy', which underscores the focus on expanding opportunities at scale, strengthening systems for quality and relevance, and building synergies among various stakeholders.

The summit will host over 3,000 attendees including policymakers, corporate leaders, academic experts, innovators, etc. It will also feature speeches and presentations from over 100 global speakers. Some of the notable speakers in summit are Subroto Bagchi, co-founder of Mindtree and former chairman of Odisha Skill Development Authority India; Ravi Venkatesan, chairman of Global Energy Alliance and former chairman of Microsoft India & Bank of Baroda; Atul Kumar Tiwari, former secretary to Government of India; B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog; Naveen Narayanan, Global Head HR, Biocon Biologics; Saraswathi Ramachandra, managing director & country head, Lightcast.io; Gi Soon Song, director South Asia, Human and Social Development Sector Office, Asian Development Bank, among others.

CM to inaugurate

The event will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday. Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and Sharanaprakash R. Patil, Minister for Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood and Medical Education, will also speak on the occasion.

Foreign dignitaries, including Muhammad Reza Cassam Uteem, Minister of Labour and Industrial Relations, Republic of Mauritius, Philipp Ackermann, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to India, and Ashutosh Gupta, Managing Director - India and Asia Pacific, Coursera will also be speakers at the event.

Misty

Vehicles cruising on KIA airport road in Bengaluru as mist blankets the city, which has been waking up to a misty cold morning for the last couple of days, causing dip in temperature. K. MURALI KUMAR

We are one step away from solving climate change: Nobel laureate

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

One of the biggest futures in science is organocatalysis, (a type of catalysis where the catalyst in the chemical reaction is an organic compound), and with respect to climate change, "we are one catalytic reaction away from solving it," said David MacMillan, a winner of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2021.

He was speaking at the 'Nobel Prize Dialogue India 2025', hosted in collaboration with Tata Trusts here on Monday.

Nobel laureate David MacMillan, public health physician and professor at Cambridge University Tolullah Oni, economist Montek Singh Ahluwalia during the 'Nobel Prize Dialogue: The Future We Want', held in partnership with Tata Trusts, in Bengaluru on Monday. PTI

Research

The Scottish chemist added, "We have to think about catalysis for the future. We have to care about eight billion people..." If we must meet the needs of the increasing global population, we need to research into the new types of catalysis. India is 'ascending at an extraordinarily rapid rate, and it has also this fantastic chemistry group here'. The country is extremely well positioned to build on an innovative sense, the biotech and the pharmaceutical companies for the future for India, also for the world, he said. Gagandeep Kang, a physician-scientist who played a pivotal role during the COVID pandemic, spoke about the innovation in India's health sector, starting with oral rehydration with sodium and glucose that brought down cholera deaths during the Bengal partition. "It took until 1974 for the World Health Organisation to recommend oral rehydration therapy and it's been estimated recently that about 70 million lives have been saved so far because of the solution," she said.

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> **DAVID MACMILLAN**
> Nobel laureate

Dr. Kang said that the diseases of concern in the future are infectious diseases such as tuberculosis and non-communicable diseases, particularly cardiovascular and diabetes.

Health and infra

Health is not just about the healthcare system but involves critical urban infrastructure interventions, said Tolulla Oni, a public health physician and professor at Cambridge University.

Healthcare sector

"I'm trained as a physician and a doctor and I'm trained to heal, but actually the vast majority of factors that influence our health lie outside of the healthcare sector. They lie in the environments where we live, where we work, where we play, where we connect. They lie in our transport systems, our education systems, our energy infrastructure, our built environment, our food environments," she said.

Inequality

On inequality, globally and in India, noted economist Montek Singh Ahluwalia, said, "You may have inequality before taxation but you can have greater equality after taxation, if you have the right kind of taxes." The fact is in India we revel in giving tax exemptions in successive governments, he said. "They announce that they will raise the minimum level free of income tax from A to B and as a result, the level at which tax is levied in India, as a ratio of its GDP, is higher than in any other country."

A big task

Cities do not have a system of effective governance, he said. "And I think this is a huge problem, and it cannot be solved unless you actually change the Constitutional responsibility for the division of power. That's a big task. But that's what we should concentrate on." Climate change, he said, is a devastating reality, compounded by inequality around the world.

WhatsApp account of businessman hacked

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In a case of online impersonation and cyber fraud, an unidentified person hacked a WhatsApp account belonging to a city-based businessman and impersonated him, and cheated several of his friends of over ₹1.7 lakh.

According to the complaint, the incident occurred on Friday when the victim received a missed call from an unknown mobile number.

He returned the call and the person on the other end claimed to be a representative from a reputed courier company, informed him about a pending parcel and advised them to contact a customer care number for further details. Soon after, the caller shared a 'customer care' number via SMS.

When the complainant dialed the number, their phone and WhatsApp account were immediately hacked.

The accused then allegedly accessed the victim's contact list and began sending messages to friends and relatives, seeking money citing an emergency situation.

Believing the messages to be genuine, some contacts transferred money to various UPI accounts provided by the fraudsters totalling to ₹1.7 lakh.

Complaint lodged

A complaint has been lodged with the cybercrime police on Saturday. The police are now trying to track down the accused through the money trail.

Heavy metals found in Cauvery fish; study advises reducing consumption

While occasional fish consumption may not pose immediate threats, prolonged exposure could lead to non-carcinogenic and carcinogenic risks, particularly from cadmium and lead; the risk depends on both the amount consumed, the frequency of intake, and the age of the individual

T.V. Padma

Heavy metals are polluting the Cauvery River and its fish, researchers from Tamil Nadu have reported. They have also cautioned against consuming "regular" or "excessive" amounts of fish from here.

The study was conducted by a team at Bharathidasan University in Tiruchirappalli and was published in the journal *Environmental Earth Sciences* in August.

Scientists from the university studied the spatial distribution of and ecological risks due to heavy metals in sediments from 18 sites along the river and fish from 10 sites, from August 2023 to February 2024.

They focused their analysis on chromium, cadmium, copper, lead and zinc.

They found that the accumulation of heavy metals in fish tissues varied significantly across species, with several exceeding the threshold values for non-carcinogenic (non-cancer-causing) and carcinogenic health risks, especially for cadmium and lead, they found.

A view of the Cauvery river in the backdrop of the Rockfort temple in Tiruchirapalli. MOORTHY M.

Human v. natural sources

Rajaram Rajendran, in the marine science department at Bharathidasan University and one of the authors of the report, said his team's study holds significant ecological, environmental, and public health relevance because it provides a comprehensive assessment of heavy metal contamination in the Cauvery river basin.

"It highlights the pressing impacts of urbanisation, industrial effluents, and agricultural runoff on sediment and freshwater fish quality," he said.

The team also found what it described as a notable variation in metal concentrations across the various sites.

"The detection of cadmium and lead as primary contaminants of concern, with levels exceeding threshold limits in some fish species, underscores the potential risks to both ecosystem health and human consumers," Dr. Rajendran said.

The scientists used several pollution indices, each index being a number that evaluates the pollution levels of soils and sediments, calculated using the concentration of specific elements relative to their background levels.

They included I_{geo}, or the geoaccumulation index, to determine heavy metal pollution in sediments; contamination factor; the contamination degree; the pollution load index; and the potential ecological risk.

Dr. Rajendran said that by integrating I_{geo} and the potential ecological risk indices with multivariate statistical analyses, the study was able to "effectively" distinguish between anthropogenic, or human origin, and natural sources vis-à-vis heavy metals.

"This approach provides valuable insights into the dynamics of metal bioaccumulation and pollution pathways in a tropical river system under rapid industrial and urban development," Dr. Rajendran said.

The study "provides valuable, updated insight into the scale and risks of heavy metal pollution in freshwater fish populations of the Cauvery river," Nikita Gupta, a researcher at the Vellore Institute of Technology, who, along with her colleague, School of Biosciences and Technology assistant professor Sathiavelu Arunachalam, has studied heavy metal pollution in tilapia fish in the Cauvery.

She added that the new paper highlighted the presence as well as the distribution of key toxic metals in multiple local fish species – "a critical concern given the river's importance for drinking water, fisheries, and agriculture in Southern India."

Fish consumption

The findings have direct implications for public health: while occasional fish consumption may not pose immediate threats, prolonged exposure could lead to cumulative non-carcinogenic and carcinogenic risks, particularly from cadmium and lead.

The risk depends on both the amount consumed, the frequency of intake, and the age of the individual, Dr. Rajendran said.

"Based on various risk assessment indices from this study, consuming fish twice a week, with a portion size of 250 g per serving, is considered safe," he estimated.

Earlier, Ms. Gupta and Dr. Arunachalam had estimated the health risk posed by heavy metals in tilapia fish using atomic absorption spectroscopy. In November 2024, they reported in *Frontiers Public Health* that the hazard quotient for cadmium, cobalt, lead, and chromium in the fish's liver, cobalt and chromium in the gills, and the cobalt in muscle "showed a significant health risk from the combined effects of these metals".

The potential health risk to humans is mainly due to exposure to cadmium and chromium, they added.

Like the new study, the researchers advised moderate fish consumption to limit the bioaccumulation of heavy metals in the body.

Researchers found that the target hazard quotient for several metals exceeded 1, which is the threshold for concern, in the liver, gills, and sometimes even muscles

"Our study is among the first to provide a thorough, multi-organ and multi-metal health risk assessment for tilapia consumers in the Cauvery basin, delivering actionable data for consumers, regulators, and health authorities," Ms. Gupta said.

The new study took these findings further.

"In our publication, we focused on one fish species whose samples we could acquire," Ms. Gupta said. "However, in this new publication, we learn that the same phenomenon of heavy metal accumulation in fish is observed in multiple regional fish species. This broadens the claim that indeed the heavy metal pollution in the Cauvery is a fact."

"Evidence that some metals, particularly cadmium and lead, pose carcinogenic and non-carcinogenic risks, including through biomagnification up the food chain," she added. "This result agrees with the findings of our study."

Using US Environment Protection Agency guidelines, the Vellore Institute of Technology researchers found that the target hazard quotient for several metals exceeded 1, which is the threshold for concern, in the liver, gills, and sometimes even muscles, "indicating real human health risks from regular exposure," Ms. Gupta said.

Scientific basis

Dr. Rajendran said his study "exposes gaps in current environmental management practices and emphasises the need for continuous monitoring of sediments, water, and aquatic organisms, stricter pollution control and regulatory enforcement, policy interventions to manage industrial emissions and unsustainable land-use practices, and enhanced public awareness to mitigate health risks."

There is an urgent call for systematic, longitudinal monitoring of riverine contamination and more stringent regulation of effluent discharge into the Cauvery, Ms. Gupta added.

The new study is especially significant for providing a contemporary, region-specific health-risk assessment and thus a much-needed scientific basis for local authorities to design regulatory and public health interventions, she added.

Industrial effluents, from textile and electroplating units operating near Erode stretch, are major contributors to heavy metal contamination. Other sources include agricultural runoff, from fertilizers and pesticides, and untreated urban wastewater.

There is some natural contribution, even if at lower levels, due to the presence of mineralised zones upstream of the river; they are important sources of iron in particular. "However, the elevated and variable levels of cadmium, chromium, and lead are highly indicative of human-driven contamination," Ms. Gupta said.

There have been similar reports from other rivers in Tamil Nadu. Researchers from the SRM Institute of Science and Technology in Kattankulathur, for example, studied heavy metal contamination on surface waters in the Noyyal river basin in western Tamil Nadu and reported that industrial activity was an important contributor of contaminants.

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A kangaroo springs away from a bushfire in Snowy Valley, Australia. AFP

Does posture help kangaroos increase speed without burning more energy?

Vasudevan Mukunth

Most animals spend more energy as they move faster. Shorter periods of contact between the foot and the ground require muscles to generate force more quickly, driving up the metabolic cost.

Kangaroos and their relatives (macropods) are exceptions to this rule, however. Classic treadmill studies have shown that red kangaroos and tammar wallabies can hop faster with only a slight increase in oxygen demand, puzzling biomechanics researchers.

Past studies have pointed to their ankle extensor muscle-tendon units, which can store and return elastic energy like springs, but that alone couldn't explain why large macropods don't incur energy costs that other similar quadrupeds do. Attempts to crack the mystery using stride timing or breathing coordination fell short as well and didn't distinguish small from large macropods.

A new study by researchers from Australia, the UK, and the US, reported in *eLife*, may have finally found the answer. The researchers focused on posture, i.e., the combination of joint angles a kangaroo adopts when its foot is on the ground. They found that posture actively modulated the leverage at the ankle and could raise the amount of elastic energy returned as the kangaroo moves faster. If this model is validated, it would mean kangaroos can meet higher mechanical demands without their muscles performing extra work, thus delinking speed from metabolic cost.

The researchers recorded 3D motion and ground forces from 16 red and eastern grey kangaroos hopping at 2-4.5 m/s on force plates. Then they built a scaled musculoskeletal model on a computer to model the joint kinematics,

Posture actively modulates the leverage at the ankle and could raise the amount of elastic energy returned. If this model is validated, it would delink speed from metabolic cost

joint rotations, effective mechanical advantage, ankle work, and Achilles tendon stress.

As they hopped faster, the team found that kangaroos bent their legs more when they slowed down, with the ankle bending upward more and the toes pressing down harder. The Achilles tendon was pulled harder, like stretching a thicker rubber band. Ground forces and the twisting force at the ankle also rose. This geometry allowed the tendon to store more energy when the foot first landed, and return it as the animal pushed off.

Importantly, even though both the 'soaking up' part upon landing and the 'push off' part got bigger at higher speeds, they balance out over each hop. As a result, the ankle's total work per hop stayed roughly constant. Instead, the tendon was doing more of the job, and the muscles didn't have to burn much extra energy.

On the flip side, because kangaroos run their tendons hard, the study warned that there wouldn't be much of a safety margin before something could fail. This, in turn, meant the biomechanics of the kangaroos' hop could limit how big they could get and how sharply they can turn.

The researchers also wrote in their paper that "future work should examine a broader range of body sizes", could assess "tendon stress at fast speeds" – perhaps "with a different experimental or modelling approach ... as kangaroos in enclosures seem unwilling to hop faster over force plates – and also "understand how posture and muscles throughout the whole body contribute to kangaroo energetics".

THE SCIENCE QUIZ

The tough task of classifying animals

Vasudevan Mukunth

Please send in your answers to science@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1

What is the standardised system in biology that names each species with two Latinised words? The first word is capitalised and denotes the genus while the second is in lowercase and denotes the specific epithet. This system was formalised by an 18th-century Swedish naturalist to ensure universal, unambiguous scientific names were used worldwide.

QUESTION 2

When it comes to describing species, what term refers to the single physical specimen designated by an author as the name-bearing reference for that species? Such a specimen is typically curated in a museum or herbarium, and other specimens are compared to it to confirm their identity.

QUESTION 3

What do biologists call a single branch on an evolutionary family tree that starts with one ancestor and includes every descendant from it? This natural group is identified by shared, newly evolved traits and is the basic unit used to compare relationships among species.

QUESTION 4

Name the evolutionary process in which distantly related lineages independently acquire similar adaptations because they face comparable environmental pressures or ecological niches. As a result, they produce structures that look alike, such as streamlined bodies in sharks and dolphins, that are simply analogous rather than inherited from a recent common ancestor.

QUESTION 5

What method identifies species by sequencing a short, standard stretch of DNA, such as the *COI* gene in animals, and comparing it to a reference library to find a match? It works even with fragments, eggs or larvae when visible features are missing.

Answers to October 28 quiz:

1. Hydrocarbon with carbon atoms bonded at right angles – **Ans: Cubane**
2. Platinum complex whose cis form is medically useful – **Ans: Platin**
3. Ring-shaped molecule drawn with a circle inside a ring – **Ans: Benzene**
4. Aromatic compounds with chirality but no chiral centres – **Ans: Helicene**
5. Naphthalene isomer with a visible colour yet also aromatic – **Ans: Azulene**

Visual: **Xylene**

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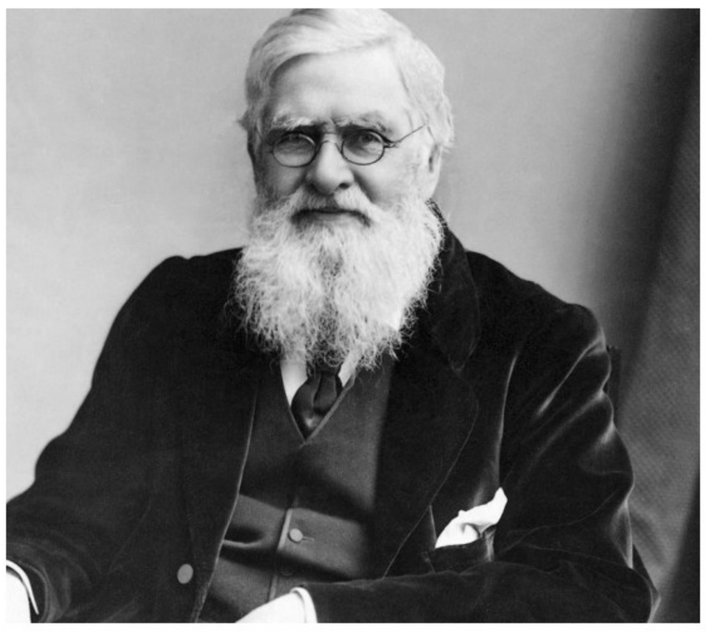

Visual: Name this English naturalist and biogeographer who developed the theory of evolution by natural selection independently of Charles Darwin.
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Juvenile Huntington's Disease brain donated to NIMHANS for research

The deceased, Jagadeesha, who hailed from Kurnool district, Andhra Pradesh, was first evaluated at NIMHANS in 2017

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

The family of a patient with Juvenile Huntington's Disease (JHD), a rare inherited disorder that causes progressive neuro-degeneration, donated his brain to NIMHANS for research on Monday. The doctors said, "This is the first instance of a JHD brain donation at the institute."

Last year, the NIMHANS Brain Bank received its first brain donation from an adult patient with Huntington's Disease. FILE PHOTO

Last year, the NIMHANS Brain Bank received its first brain donation from an adult patient with Huntington's Disease (HD). Researchers at the institute have already begun studies on that specimen.

The deceased, Jagadeesha, hailed from Kalagotla village in Yemmiganur mandal of Kurnool district, Andhra Pradesh. He began showing early symptoms of JHD in 2014, at the age of 12, including learning difficulties and behavioural changes. He was first evaluated at NIMHANS in 2017.

Anita Mahadevan, Professor and head of the Department of Neuropathology and Coordinator of the NIMHANS Brain Bank, said a team from the institute travelled to the village, and the brain was harvested (within 24 hours of death) at a government facility there.

Act of generosity

"This is a great act of generosity by the family. This JHD brain is the first in the country and a precious gift of hope for researchers studying neurodegenerative disorders. It will be dissected and frozen at -86°C for research," Dr. Mahadevan said.

Dr. Mahadevan noted that awareness and efforts by doctors have led to more families of patients with neurodegenerative disorders coming forward for brain donation. "The number of overall brain donations has increased this year, and we now have over 450 specimens in our bank," she said.

Meera Purshottam, Chief Scientific Officer at the Molecular Genetics Laboratory, NIMHANS, said, "It is important to study the structural and molecular changes in the brain of a JHD patient and how they differ from a normal brain of the same age."

Juvenile HD differs from adult HD in both biology and clinical presentation. "Typically, individuals with JHD have over 60 CAG (cytosine-adenine-guanine) repeats in the gene. The higher the number of repeats, the earlier the onset and the faster the disease progression," Dr. Purshottam explained.

Nikhil Ratna, co-founder and vice-chairman of the Huntington Disease Society of India (HDSI) and a researcher in HD, said he had seen Jagadeesha as a trainee resident at NIMHANS in 2017 and had followed his case since then.

"Over the years, his condition worsened, leading to stiffness, restricted movement, difficulty with eye movement, speech, and swallowing. In recent years, he became bedridden and developed severe epilepsy and repeated falls, which led to head injuries and his untimely death on Sunday," he said.

Plight of families

The Huntington's Disease is a genetic, adult-onset neurodegenerative disorder, usually presenting with involuntary movements known as chorea. In rare cases like Jagadeesha's, the disease begins before the age of 20 and is classified as Juvenile HD. It has distinct symptoms, progresses faster, and follows a different disease mechanism.

"Jagadeesha inherited the mutation from his father, who showed symptoms in his 30s. His elder sister was also diagnosed at 18. The length of the CAG repeat expansion determines the age of onset - the longer the expansion, the earlier and more severe the disease. The JHD accounts for about 6% of all HD cases and remains poorly understood," Dr. Ratna explained.

HDSI chairman Venkateswara Rao Kaushik, who coordinated the donation along with Dr. Mahadevan and Dr. Ratna, said the society has been urging the government to recognise HD as a rare disease. "Caregivers face an enormous burden. Patients require multidisciplinary and palliative care in the advanced stages. Dedicated centres with specialists under one roof, similar to those in Western countries, should be established," said Mr. Kaushik, whose wife is bedridden with HD.

State announces ₹600 crore fund to push 'Deep Tech Decade'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government on Monday said it was entering into a 'Deep Tech Decade' and also announced an investment pool of ₹600 crore to kick off various initiatives to trigger growth in deep-tech across the State.

Addressing a media conference, Minister for IT/BT, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Priyank Kharge said the government's ₹600 crore investment commitment would power the 'Deep Tech Decade', aimed at positioning Karnataka as the deep tech capital of India.

"This initiative reflects our vision to create a robust deep-tech pipeline supporting entrepreneurs working on technologies such as AI, ML, quantum computing, advanced manufacturing, robotics, and sustainability-driven innovation," he said.

He further said the government was also in talks with various players in the venture capital industry, including the ones he met last week, to expand the size of this investment pool to ₹1,000 crore or more. "It is not that ₹600 crore will be enough for deep-tech growth for the whole decade. We will re-look at the investment required. We will certainly require more funds to create deep-tech and AI startups across the State and for this we are also exploring to create joint funds in collaboration with venture capital players." The Minister further said the blueprint of the rollout and funding was already ready as the State was absolutely serious about retaining its global leadership in the technology landscape.

Minister for Electronics, Information Technology & Biotechnology Priyank Kharge, at a media briefing on the Future Makers Conclave at BTS 2025 at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Monday. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

According to Mr. Kharge, the ₹600 crore investment earmarked for deep-tech would comprise ₹150 crore for DeepTech Elevate Fund, with a special focus on AI and frontier technologies; ₹80 crore under the Elevate Beyond Bengaluru Fund to promote startups in Mysuru, Mangaluru, Hubballi-Dharwad and Kalaburagi; ₹75 crore through the KITVIN Fund for equity-based investments in deep-tech and AI startups, with funding between ₹50 lakh to ₹2 crore; ₹48 crore for new incubators and accelerators at IIT and IIIT Dharwad and Kalaburagi; and ₹110 crore for business incubators in higher education institutions, nurturing early innovation and entrepreneurship across 11 institutions already cleared by the Cabinet.

He said the government would explore a fund-of-funds through co-investment models with the VC ecosystem to ensure continuous capital flow and scalability across the deep-tech value chain.

The Minister further said, the 28th edition of the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS 2025), the State's tech exposition scheduled from November 18 to 20 at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), would feature Future Makers Conclave (FMC).

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STP work in 268 cities / towns at an estimate of ₹1,359.04 crores. Work is in progress in 12 cities / towns.

JALASIRI Yojane:

Under Asian Development Bank assistant JALASIRI project, water supply and sewage works at a cost of ₹2,584 Crores are taken in 8 cities vis., Davanagere, Harihara, Ranibennur, Byadagi, Mangaluru, Puttur, Udupi and Kundapura cities.

In total 27 works are taken and 20 works are completed with a financial expenditure of ₹2,449 crores.

The scheme will benefit 13 lakh population in these 8 cities by providing 24x7 continues drinking water.

Smart Cities Mission:

Smart Cities Mission is a Central and State sponsored scheme with an allocation of ₹500 Crores each per city from GOI and GOK. Each selected city will get ₹1000 Crores at the end of the 5 years period cumulatively.

Seven Cities from the State are selected under SCM viz., Bengaluru, Belagavi, Davanagere, Hubballi Dharwad, Mangaluru, Shivamogga and Tumakuru.

In the year 2023-24, a grant of ₹318.50 crores from GOI and ₹397.50 crores from GOK is obtained and financial progress of ₹494 Crores is achieved. In this period 49 projects of ₹516 crores are completed.

In the year 2024-25, a grant of ₹73.50 crores each from GOI and GOK is obtained and financial progress of ₹446.31 Crores is achieved utilizing the earlier released and un-utilized grants. In this period 40 projects of ₹503 crores are completed.

Minister Byrathi Suresh actively visited the projects and conducted regular review meeting to speed up the project implementation and to clear the bottle necks in co-ordination with various departments. The action of the Minister aided in timely completion of the project and to give the infrastructure to the public use.

Projects like Ring Road development in Tumakuru, Smart Schools in all Smart Cities, Wenlock Hospital redevelopment in Mangalore, Tunga River bank development in Shivamogga, Integrated Sports Complex in Hubballi Dharwad, Central bus terminal in Belagavi, City library redevelopment in Tumakuru and Urva Indoor stadium development in Mangalore cities are providing better infrastructure to the citizens.

Identifying the works carried in Smart Cities Mission, Belagavi and Hubballi Dharwad Smart Cities have received awards from the Hon'ble President of India in India Smart City Award Contest.

Cumulatively now, 661 works of ₹6,593 Crore are taken, out of which 634 works of ₹5,736 Crore are completed and 27 works of ₹617 Crore are under progress. Due to the active review of Minister, the State is consistently ranked in 3rd Position in All India Ranking for project implementation.

Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board:

The KUWS & D Board is one among the implementing body for Drinking Water Supply and UGD facilities in 316 Urban local bodies of the State except Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike. The Board aims to provide adequate water supply from assured and safe source of supply and also proper sanitation to all the urban areas.

Subsequent to the implementation of the projects, the same would be handed over to the respective Urban Local Bodies for further maintenance. There are 316 urban local bodies coming under the jurisdiction of the Board.

State Government plan:

During the year 2023-24, the KUWS & D Board has commissioned 21 nos. projects costing ₹891.46 Crores comprising of 10 nos. of drinking water supply projects and 11 nos. of underground drainage projects. Approval has been given by the Government, to 2 new Projects, comprising of 1 drinking water supply project and 1 underground drainage project. During the year 2024-25, the KUWS & D Board has commissioned 9 nos. projects costing ₹847.40 Crores comprising of 2 nos. of water supply projects and 7 nos. of underground drainage projects.

Approval has been given by the Government, to 4 new Projects comprising of 2 drinking water supply projects and 2 underground drainage projects.

During the year 2025-26, till date, the KUWS & D Board has commissioned 5 nos. of Projects Costing ₹197.76 Crores comprising of 2 nos. of water supply projects and 3 nos. of underground drainage projects. Approval has been given by the Government, to 8 Projects comprising of 5 nos. of Water Supply Project and 3 nos. of Under Ground Drainage Projects.

Currently the KUWS & D Board is implementing 16 No's Water Supply projects costing ₹2035.92 & 48 No's Under Ground Drainage Projects costing ₹3229.09 crores at a total estimated cost of ₹5265.01 Crores which are under implementation at various stages.

Centrally funded UIDSSMT program:

The KUWS & D Board has constructed 500 MCFT capacity dam near Yargol village, Bangarpet taluk, Kolar district, across the Markandeya River near Yargol village in Bangarpet taluk.

This is an ambitious project designed to provide drinking water supply to Kolar city, Bangarpet and Malur towns and 45 enroute villages using the water from the dam as a source. After the present government came to power, it was decided that drinking water must be provided to the drought-prone district of Kolar and completed the works at a rapid pace.

It was inaugurated on 11-11-2023 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, GoK at a cost of about ₹127.76 crores.

Centrally sponsored AMRUT 1.0 Programme

Administrative approval has been given to 73 Projects Costing ₹3016.14 Crores comprising of 34 of Water Supply Projects and 39 nos. of Under Ground Drainage Projects.

The KUWS & D Board has completed 70 Projects Costing ₹2733.87 Crores comprising of 33 Water Supply Projects and 37 Under Ground Drainage Projects. Since 2023, the KUWS & D Board has completed 2 Water Supply Projects benefiting population of 95,340 and 3 Under Ground Drainage Projects benefiting population of 1,92,000.

Pourakarmika Grihabhagya Yojane

The "Pourakarmika Grihabhagya Yojane" has been implemented with the objective of providing housing to permanent Pourakarmikas working under the Urban Local Bodies of the State. In the last two years 599 housing units have been sanctioned, Construction of 235 houses has been completed and remaining 364 houses are under progress.

Recruitment of Pourakarmikas:

The government has created 1,433 supernumerary posts for Pourakarmikas in the Urban Local Bodies of the state (excluding BBMP). As per the prevailing reservation rules and by imposing certain conditions, approval was granted by the government on 27-10-2023 for recruitment. Additionally, 6,795 Pourakarmikas in the State have been regularized through a special recruitment process.

Lake Rejuvenation - Commitment towards environment

City Corporations have taken up systematic lake rejuvenation projects to restore urban water bodies as vital ecological and community assets. The focus is on desilting, strengthening embankments, sewage diversion, creation of wetlands, and development of walking paths and green zones.

Under AMRUT 2.0, 50 waterbody rejuvenation projects are proposed across 12 City Corporations in Karnataka with a total project cost of ₹249.25 crore, covering 2,140 acres of lake area through 33 urban development authorities, 46 planning authorities and 77 municipal planning authorities. Minister has took initiative personally to utilize lake rejuvenation fund which was kept unutilized since 2013. ₹347 Crores has utilized towards rejuvenation of 1,381 lakes across the State. The initiative focuses on strengthening bunds, correcting inlets and outlets, diverting incoming wastewater, and improving lake water quality through nature-based sustainable solutions.

Centrally sponsored AMRUT 2.0 Programme

The Centrally sponsored AMRUT 2.0 scheme is envisaged to includes provide piped water supply and functional Household Tap connections to all households, Rejuvenation of Water Bodies and Developing Green Spaces to increase the amenity value of the cities, in view of providing sustainable living.

The mission period of AMRUT 2.0 is 2021-22 to 2025-26. GoK has accorded approval vide order No. UDD 14 CSS dtd: 18.05.2022 to implement the projects costing ₹9230.00 Crores in Urban Local Bodies having population less than 1.00 lakh. Further Project cost is revised to ₹9256.00 Crores.

The funding pattern of AMRUT 2.0 consists of Government of India share of ₹4628.00 Crores (50%), Government of Karnataka share of ₹3702.40 Crores (40%) and urban local body share of ₹925.60 Crores (10%).

Allocation been made for drinking water supply projects costing ₹8716.72 Crores. Total number of Urban Local Bodies considered under AMRUT 2.0 is 227, consisting of laying 13443 kms of water supply distribution network, construction of 487 million litres of water treatment plants, construction of 2962 lakh litres of storage reservoirs, providing of 895233 nos. of house service connections.

Upto the end of September 2025, the Government has accorded the Administrative Approval to the 215 Nos. of Water Supply projects at an estimated cost of ₹9096.00 Crores including Operation & Maintenance for 5 year.

Among the Administratively Approved projects, 214 No. of projects costing ₹8559.59 crores are under implementation. Till date House service connections achieved is 1,38,819 Nos. The foundation stone for providing Water Supply Scheme to Sandur town has also been laid.

Way Forward & Strategic Roadmap

The Hon'ble minister being tech savvy and has been a constant source to drive the KUWS & D Board to initiate effective systems with modern technologies such as propose to implement 42 nos. of 24x7 water supply projects under AMRUT 2.0, GIS mapping of the assets as per guidelines of AMRUT 2.0, implementation of Urban Land Management System (ULMS) in coordination with DMA, Provide inputs for implementing the strategies in the Karnataka State Water Policy 2022, providing assistance to KUIDFC in preparation of DPRs for 28 nos. of UGD projects under Swachh Bharat 2.0 mission, propose to implement AI powered urban infrastructure information service under challenge fund, propose to obtain NABL certification for the water testing laboratories maintained by the Board, upgrading the water and waste water learning centre to "State of the art" type infrastructure to train the Board employees, local body authorities and public.

The Hon'ble minister has also ensured to implement modern technologies of water treatment viz., Micro fibre filtration systems, VEE wire screens, modern technologies of sewage treatment viz., Phytorid technology and SCADA systems for improving efficiency in control and monitoring for both Drinking Water Supply and Sewage projects.

Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT)

The State Urban Transport Fund is being utilized across cities in Karnataka for the implementation of public transport systems, support for the development of transport infrastructure in urban areas, implementation of non-motorized transport systems, and for the preparation of plans or feasibility study reports, among other purposes. In all, ₹337.65 crores has been sanctioned from the State Urban Transport Fund for 45 bus service and transport infrastructure projects of the State Transport Corporations, out of which ₹195.54 crores has been released as grants. Additionally, for 26 different non-motorized transport projects undertaken by urban local bodies/other agencies, a total grant of ₹95.38 crores has been sanctioned.

The Directorate in collaboration with the Government of Japan, has implemented an Intelligent Traffic Management System at 28 junctions in central areas of Bengaluru, using a grant of ₹78 crore.

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'Unsung hero of the Cabinet'

Minister Byrathi Suresh has earned a reputation for being a tech-savvy and accessible leader. Known for staying constantly connected with people from his constituency and across Karnataka, he engages actively through social media and meets visitors regularly at his Bengaluru residence. He listens patiently to public grievances, provides guidance, and swiftly alerts officials whenever his intervention is required.

Mahesh, a resident of Hebbal, shared his appreciation: "Our sir works tirelessly for the welfare of the people, yet his efforts often go unrecognized. He is truly an unsung hero of Karnataka." Elaborating further, he noted that the Minister extends assistance far beyond the boundaries of his constituency. "Many people approach him with various issues, and he never lets them down. He travels extensively across the state, hearing people's concerns and ensuring practical solutions," he added.

'Popular Leader of the Kuruba Community'

Vasanth Kumar, another resident, described Byrathi Suresh as a leader committed to the aspirations of both the general public and his Kuruba community. Determined to strengthen grassroots networks and party organization, the Minister frequently visits different parts of Karnataka to mobilize support and encourage unity. He has prioritized social infrastructure for the community, including schools, hostels, libraries, hospitals, and community halls. "After Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, he is undoubtedly the most popular leader of the Kuruba community," observed Vasanth Kumar.

Empowering Students Through Philanthropy

Beyond his political responsibilities, Byrathi Suresh is also recognized for his social initiatives. He has been supporting the education of more than 100 economically disadvantaged yet academically bright students. Under the KLAD fund, he distributed 500 laptops to students pursuing medical, engineering, and other professional courses — many of whom come from rural areas with limited access to resources.

Driving Progress in Kolar District

As the in-charge minister of Kolar district, Byrathi Suresh has implemented several development programmes aimed at transforming the region.

A major milestone is the decision to move forward with the long-awaited Yettinahole project — prioritized to provide a dependable drinking water supply to Kolar and Chikkaballapur districts.

Additionally, targeted measures are underway to ensure drinking water availability across multiple taluks in Kolar.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Estimated yield of India's bioeconomy sector by 2030

300 in $ billion. India's bioeconomy sector, encompassing agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and aquaculture, is projected to reach $300 billion by 2030, as per a NITI Aayog report. The report offers tailored solutions to the challenges faced by smallholders. PTI

Record-high number of UPI transactions in October

27.28 In ₹ lakh crore. Fuelled by festive buying, transactions through the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) touched a record high of ₹27.28 lakh crore and 20.7 billion in value and volume terms, respectively, in October, according to data by the NPCI. PTI

The decline in white collar hiring in India last month

9 In per cent. India's white-collar hiring activity eased in October as the Diwali-Dussehra festive cluster temporarily slowed recruitment momentum. The hiring data for the IT sector revealed that the emerging technologies sub-sector registered a 60% year-on-year growth. PTI

Indian fishermen arrested by Sri Lankan navy for illegal fishing

35 This is the second such arrest by the Navy within a month. Earlier on October 9, as many as 47 Indian fishermen were arrested by the Sri Lankan navy and their five trawlers seized at Talaimannar in northern Sri Lanka for alleged illegal fishing in the island nation's waters. PTI

People killed in an earthquake in northern Afghanistan

20 A powerful, 6.3 magnitude earthquake shook northern Afghanistan before dawn on Monday, a health official said. The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake's epicentre was located 22 kilometres west-southwest of the town of Khulm. PTI

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Has cloud seeding been effective?

How does the process work? How does it aim to settle the build of smog and particulate matter in the air? When did India first experiment with cloud seeding? What was the Cloud Aerosol Interaction and Precipitation Enhancement Experiment? Have the recent trials in Delhi been successful?

EXPLAINER

Jacob Koshy

The story so far:
For the first time in nearly 50 years, Delhi conducted two cloud seeding trials with the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK) last week. The aim was to induce rain over Delhi to settle the build of smog and particulate matter that had deteriorated the air quality.

What is cloud seeding?
Cloud seeding involves spraying a salt mixture into clouds. The science is that such seeding, which is done by aircraft fitted with flares that fire the salt mixture into clouds, can induce ice or water vapour within the clouds to form water droplets. When lots of such droplets coalesce, they can pour down as rain.

What has been its history?
Cloud seeding has been around for at least three quarters of a century with mixed success. Beginning in the 1940s, General Electric scientists William Schaefer and Bernard Vonnegut chanced upon the principle of using dry ice to form ice crystals in their lab freezer. They then decided to experiment on real clouds. It was reported that they successfully made it snow over Pittsfield in Massachusetts, U.S. This got the U.S. government excited and a formal programme called Project Cirrus was born. While creating rain was certainly on the back of their minds, the big excitement was the prospect of taming hurricanes, which did not pan out well. In the 1950s and 60s, the use of cloud seeding as a weather modification tool became popular. The Soviets seeded clouds over Leningrad to protect May Day parades – years before China used cloud seeding for clear skies ahead of the inaugural ceremony of the Olympics in 2008. The U.S. launched Project Skywater, dumping silver iodide from planes over the Rockies.

For a better sky: A view of the aircraft after the second trial of cloud seeding in Delhi, on October 28. ANI

What has India's experience been?
Nearly coincident with Project Cirrus, S.K. Banerji, the first Indian Director General of the India Meteorological Department (IMD), oversaw the first cloud seeding experiments in Kolkata by releasing salt and silver iodide in hydrogen balloons in 1952. Most of these were administered as rockets that were fired from the ground. And while these experiments seemed to suggest that on the days when seeding was done, there was more rain compared to days when there was no seeding, it wasn't verifiable if the rain was due to natural sources or from the seeding. There was even an attempt to conduct such seeding in Delhi in 1962 but it failed.

It's only from the 1970s that researchers properly started to use planes and fly to the top of the clouds to spray salt solutions. They also studied cloud physics, condensation, what kind of clouds gave rain, which ones didn't, and so on. Several States, when grappling with drought, have experimented with cloud seeding. The results have been sporadic and there was never any systematic way to tell how much rain could reasonably be expected if a certain amount of salt mixture was scattered. There was also less clarity on where exactly one could expect rain. The cost-benefit also was not clear, given that hiring aircraft, pilots, technical personnel and making salt mixtures was expensive.

What was the CAIPEEX?
Initiated by the Pune-based Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology in 2009, Cloud Aerosol Interaction and Precipitation Enhancement Experiment (CAIPEEX) was a systematic scientific investigation to quantify if there were any benefits from cloud seeding. For that it actually studied the interior world of clouds, its physics, and water droplet formation for nearly a decade after which from 2017-2019 they physically identified, using radar and other instruments, clouds that were suitable for seeding.

This experiment was conducted over a drought prone region called Solapur, Maharashtra, and hence a natural test ground to measure enhancement (if there was any). Once the clouds were identified they flew aircraft and fired flares of calcium chloride (no silver iodide used) into some clouds and left others 'unseeded.' Their overall finding was that Solapur got an extra 867 million litres of water – which is considerable. In terms of rainfall measured on the ground: seeded clouds gave an average 46% more rain at the seeded locations relative to the unseeded ones.

Over a 100 square km area downwind, there was 18% more rain in the seed versus unseeded.

What happened in Delhi?
There were two flights on October 28 when IIT Kanpur flew its own plane and flared clouds. The results were disappointing with no rainfall triggered, though researchers at IITK said that some parts of Delhi reported a 'light drizzle' and a 'small improvement' in air quality. The drawback was the quality of clouds. The CAIPEEX demonstrated that only monsoon clouds which had a certain quantity of moisture could hope to yield sufficient water. Such clouds are absent in the post-monsoon over Delhi.

For seven years, there have been various proposals for seeding over Delhi that have been discouraged by scientists due to the winter atmospheric characteristics. IIT Kanpur has however said that it will continue 'trials' during this season.

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What are the challenges with the High Seas Treaty?

What does the principle of 'common heritage of humankind' mean? Is the treaty ambiguous?

Padmashree Anandhan

The story so far:
The High Seas Treaty was ratified by over 60 countries in September; it will now be enforced in January 2026. The treaty sets rules to preserve and use marine biodiversity sustainably and addresses threats from climate change, overfishing and pollution.

What is the treaty about?
The Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) agreement, as the High Seas treaty is formally referred to, creates an all-inclusive framework to govern and manage common marine biodiversity. It identifies Marine Genetic Resources (MGRs) as the common heritage of humankind, insisting on a fair and equitable sharing of benefits. Besides, the Area-Based Management Tools (ABMTs) include Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) that can be recognised to protect biodiversity. This will help in improving climate resilience and provide food security, combining science and indigenous knowledge. The treaty also entails Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) for events potentially affecting these areas, especially when cumulative and transboundary impacts are taken into account. The first steps for the treaty began two decades ago. In 2004, the UN General Assembly formed an ad-hoc working group to fix the gap in the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), 1982, which did not have clear guidelines on protecting BBNJ. By 2011, states had agreed to negotiate on four key issues, mainly MGRs, ABMTs, EIAs, and capacity building and technology transfer. Following this, four Intergovernmental Conference sessions were held between 2018 and 2023. The parties to these discussions finally reached an agreement in March 2023, which led to the adoption of the treaty in June 2023.

What are the major issues?
First is the uncertainty over the principles of "common heritage of humankind" and "freedom of the high seas." The "common heritage principle" supports equitable access and benefit-sharing of marine resources for all, while the "freedom on the high seas" stresses on unrestricted rights of states to carry out navigation, resource usage and research activities. However, the common heritage principle is only applicable partially, especially when it comes to MGRs. This shows a compromise instead of a resolution. It also creates ambiguity in exploration, research and benefit sharing. Second, is the use of MGRs. The governance of MGRs was earlier not defined, raising concerns over "biopiracy" and unfair exploitation by developed countries. Developing nations were concerned that they would be excluded from the profits of scientific discoveries from the high seas. The treaty now includes a framework on sharing monetary and non-monetary benefits, but with no clear details on how such benefits will be calculated or shared. Third is the reluctance of big powers to get engaged. The treaty is under threat due to non-participation from the U.S., China, and Russia, who are yet to ratify the treaty. Fourth, is interaction with multilateral institutions. The treaty must coexist and not ignore existing international institutions, such as the International Seabed Authority (ISA) and Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs). The BBNJ agreement must also blend with existing international treaties to prevent legal conflicts and lead to more fragmentation of ocean governance.

What next?
The treaty provides more clarity to the UNCLOS provisions, focusing on science-based requirements for EIAs, ABMTs and benefit sharing. However, the ambiguous language in the MGRs and the common heritage of humankind principle challenge the execution of the treaty. There is a need for dynamic management of MPAs, and regular monitoring. To deliver the BBNJ, linking climate-biodiversity with the ocean will be crucial for resilient management.

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GBA Chief orders urgent action as city misses CM's pothole deadline

Officials have been directed to personally inspect roads, identify damaged stretches, and take swift action to fill potholes

The Hindu Bureau
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While Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who also chairs the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), had pulled up engineers over pothole-ridden roads in September and set an October-end deadline to fix them, the city continues to struggle with uneven stretches.

With the deadline now past, GBA Chief Commissioner M. Maheshwar Rao on Monday issued strict instructions to officials to close all remaining potholes on priority.

At a review meeting held to discuss pothole filling, road-cutting permissions, and road surface restoration across the five city corporations in the limits of the GBA, Mr. Rao directed officials to give top priority to filling potholes on arterial, sub-arterial, and ward-level roads.

He said that even on stretches where white-topping works are under way, the contractors concerned must immediately repair any potholes that have appeared. If they fail to act promptly, the respective city corporation should fill the potholes and recover the cost from the contractor's bills, he instructed.

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> GBA Chief Commissioner

Mr. Rao directed senior officials of all city corporations to personally inspect the roads, identify damaged stretches, and take swift action to fill potholes. He stressed that pending potholes must be filled promptly while maintaining proper quality standards.

Highlighting the status of ongoing road improvement works, the GBA Chief said ₹694 crore has already been released for the development of arterial and sub-arterial roads, with asphalting under way in most areas. He asked officials to complete the remaining works at the earliest. Under the Chief Minister's Discretionary Fund, works worth ₹1,055 crore related to ward roads, drains, and infrastructure development have been approved. In addition, under the Special Infrastructure Capital Support Scheme, proposals worth ₹1,241.57 crore have been submitted for the asphalting of arterial, sub-arterial, and other major roads, taking the total value of pending works to about ₹2,296 crore.

Mr. Rao instructed officials to take immediate steps to implement these projects and commence work without delay.

He also took note of unauthorised road-cutting being carried out by certain agencies and individuals, and directed officials to initiate legal action against those responsible and to strictly regulate such activities.

Until the MARCS portal, the system for road-cutting permissions, becomes fully operational, Commissioners of all five city corporations must hold weekly meetings to monitor and approve permissions strictly as per procedure, he said.

The Chief Commissioner further instructed that once any department completes its work involving road-cutting, it must restore the cut sections properly and with quality, ensuring the road surface is reinstated immediately.

East Corporation to crack down on illegal constructions

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The East Corporation in the limits of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) has directed its engineering teams to take strict action against unauthorised constructions, with a target of removing at least one illegal building a week in each division - totalling eight demolitions across all eight divisions.

The directions were issued by the Additional Commissioner, Development, Snehal Sudhakar Lokhande, during a coordination meeting on Monday. Mr. Lokhande instructed officials to categorise all civil works under the corportion limits into three groups - completed works, ongoing works, and works yet to be undertaken.

Status of work
A digital colour coded map will be prepared to visually present the status of these works, he said. The corporation's senior officials, including Commissioner, Additional Commissioners, and Chief Engineer, will soon begin daily inspections of all wards as per a fixed schedule to monitor development activities and issue instructions. Mr. Lokhande further announced that a workshop will soon be held for all engineers to clarify technical and administrative aspects under the newly formed Engineering Department, which will oversee arterial and sub-arterial roads, major roads, lakes, and stormwater drains at the divisional levels.

During the meeting, officials were also directed to record the status of road and pothole repair works through platforms such as BTP Astram, Raste Gundi Gamana App, Sahaaya App, and to upload the details of completed works for online monitoring.

Cleanliness drive: North Corporation to reward best performing area

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A cleanliness competition with cash rewards of up to ₹1 lakh will be part of the mass intensive cleaning drive announced by the North Corporation. The drive will be conducted on November 8 between 10.30 a.m. and 4 p.m., across several key areas in the limits of the North Corporation of the Greater Bangalore Authority.

The initiative, led by North Corporation Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar, aims to improve sanitation across 93.9 km of roads spread over Hebbal, Pulakeshi Nagar, Sarvagnanagar, Yelahanka, Byatarayanapura, Dasarahalli, and Rajarajeshwari Nagar assembly constituencies.

The work will include clearing waste, silt, debris, and tree branches, as well as cleaning storm-water drains and public spaces.

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To encourage better performance, the corporation will reward the top three areas. .

Two-day dog show concludes

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"Events such as these not only celebrate the beauty and discipline of dogs but also remind us of the importance of love, care, and commitment towards animals," said Sajeeth V. J., Deputy Commissioner of Police (North-East Division), while inaugurating the All-India Championship Dog Shows in Bengaluru on November 1.

State's pride
The two-day event, hosted by the Silicon City Kennel Club and Bangalore Canine Club at Esha Farms, Yelahanka, featured over 450 dogs representing 50 breeds. Highlights included the Mudhol Hound, Karnataka's pride.

The shows, marking the 131st and 132nd All India Championships, drew large crowds.

Mushrooms key to achieving nutritional security, says UAS-B V-C

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The green revolution helped us achieve food security, but now we need to look at nutritional security, for which mushroom cultivation is both promising and key, said S.V. Suresh, Vice-Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore (UAS-B), in his inaugural address of the UAS-B's first ever India Mushroom Summit - 2025, that was inaugurated in the city on Monday.

The summit, being held in collaboration with Milkyway Technologies Limited, Dr. Kurades and Agro Products, Poland, will bring together scientists working on mushrooms from across the world.

"Mushrooms are truly a miracle crop, rich in protein, vitamins, and minerals, and can even be grown from agricultural waste. Mushroom farming is not only an eco-friendly and low-input activity, but it also provides high economic returns, especially for small and marginal farmers. It requires minimal land, less water, and can be practised throughout the year, making it a profitable venture even in limited spaces," Mr. Suresh said.

UAS-B Vice-Chancellor S.V. Suresh inaugrating India Mushroom Summit in Bengaluru on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Sangam Kurade, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Dr. Kurades, said that even though mushroom cultivation is a promising venture, the existing market in India was very limited compared to China and other countries. "We need to popularise this product and widen the market. Mushrooms are one of the fastest growing vegetables. There is a lot of scope for the product in a country like India with a large vegetarian consumer base," he said. "At this Summit, we will deliberate on policies and industrial partnerships that can strengthen this sector, creating jobs, improving soil health, reducing chemical dependence, and contributing to sustainability and economic development," he said.

Anurag Saxena, CEO, Milkyway Technologies Limited, Daniel Dajewski, CEO, Agro Products, Poland, and others were present.

RMS, Bengaluru, wins trophy

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BENGALURU

In a showcase of diplomacy, public speaking, and critical thinking, Rashtriya Military School (RMS), Bengaluru, clinched the Best Delegation Trophy at the Rashtriya Military School Model United Nations Conference 2025 held on October 31 and November 1 in the city.

Brigadier Ranjeet Alva, who inaugurated the event, emphasised the importance of dialogue, empathy, and leadership in today's global landscape. The conference featured 65 student delegates from 5 RMSs and 3 Army Public Schools, debating issues such as state-sponsored terrorism and lethal autonomous weapons.

Former Ambassador N. Parthasarathi, who attended the ceremony, lauded the defence authorities.

BMTC official convicted in disproportionate assets case

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The Lokayukta Special Court convicted K.B. Ramakrishna Reddy, Divisional Traffic Controller of the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation in Yeshwantpur, in a disproportionate assets case, recently. He was sentenced to three years of rigorous imprisonment and was slapped with a fine of ₹70 lakh. A team, comprising the Lokayukta Deputy Superintendent of Police C.W. Poovaiah Reddy and inspector K.S. Muniyappa, conducted a raid on Reddy in March 2014 and filed a charge sheet against him.

Higher than income
Investigations revealed that Reddy possessed movable and immovable assets totalling ₹61.4 lakh, which was 29.8% higher than his known sources of income.

The trial was held at the 23rd Additional City Civil and Sessions Court, which found Reddy guilty.

The court also ruled that if he fails to pay the fine, he will have to serve an additional six months of simple imprisonment.

Consumer association from Sirsi accuses Hescom of misusing review to hike tariffs

Rishita Khanna
BENGALURU

A consumer association from Sirsi in Uttara Kannada district has objected to the power tariff review petition filed by the Hubballi Electricity Supply Company Limited (Hescom), saying the company is trying to misuse the process to reopen a settled tariff order and shift the financial burden of electricity subsidies from the State government onto consumers.

The Balakedarara Hitarakshaka Sangha, led by its president G.G. Hegde Kadekodi, filed the objection before the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC). The group has opined that Hescom's review petition is 'not maintainable in law' and 'an appeal in disguise'. In March 2025, the KERC approved a new tariff order for all electricity supply companies (Escoms) in Karnataka. The Hescom has now asked the commission to revise that order, arguing that the allocation for free electricity to farmers was insufficient and that the tariff determined was too high.

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The utility has sought to reduce the per-unit rate for irrigation pump (IP) sets under LT - 4(a) - electricity tariff category for irrigation pump sets used by farmers under low-tension supply from ₹8.30 to ₹7.35, and make up the revenue gap by increasing tariffs for commercial and industrial consumers by ₹0.10 to ₹1 per unit.

Subsidy shortfall
The Escom officials said it faces a subsidy shortfall of ₹4,620 crore, because the State government sanctioned only ₹16,021 crore for 2025-26, against the ₹20,640 crore that the commission had determined was required.

In its objection, the association argued that the Hescom is trying to re-argue issues already decided in the tariff order, which is legally not permissible. A review, it pointed out, can only be used to correct any error or to consider new evidence, not to revisit a decision on merits. "This is not a review, but an attempt to reopen an already settled tariff determination," the objection stated. "If the Hescom disagrees with the tariff order, it should approach the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (APTEL) instead of filing a review before the commission."

The group also cited several Supreme Court rulings which make clear that provisions of review cannot be used as an appeal.

The association highlighted a recurring issue, pointing out that the State government has often failed to release the full subsidy amount in advance, as required under Section 65 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

As a result, the financial burden of free power to irrigation pump sets gets passed on to other consumer categories such as industries and commercial users. Citing figures from the commission, the objection noted that cross-subsidy payments from these consumers amounted to ₹5,680 crore in 2023-24. "Instead of demanding payment from the government, the Hescom is trying to collect it indirectly from the public," it said.

The association has requested the KERC to dismiss Escoms review petition, direct them to follow pursue the appeal provisions available under the Electricity Act, 2003, if it wishes to challenge the tariff order and ensure that the government strictly complies with its subsidy obligations. It has also sought a personal hearing before the commission to present its case during the upcoming public hearing on the petition.

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Rethinking scientific publishing in the age of AI

Commercial data sharing agreements mean researchers' intellectual property is being monetised twice: first through subscriptions, then through AI partnerships, while they continue to be denied control of their work

Moumita Koley

In India, as in many parts of the world, public money is the main funder of scientific research. Governments invest heavily in laboratories, equipment, and salaries for researchers. Yet the results of this publicly funded research are usually published in journals owned by just a handful of commercial publishers. These publishers don't pay the authors or the peer reviewers who evaluate the work. Both contribute their time and expertise for free. However, the publishers then charge high subscription fees for access to these journals, effectively making the public pay twice: once to fund the research and a second time to read it.

Democratising research

Against this backdrop, the Budapest Open Access Declaration in 2002 set out a list of bold principles. The declaration challenged the deeply entrenched practices of the scholarly publishing industry, which had long excluded vast sections of the global research community from accessing knowledge using expensive paywalls. The declaration came as the open access movement started questioning why, in a digital age in which printing and postage no longer dictated costs, access to knowledge remained behind expensive subscription paywalls. The declaration ignited a movement that promised to democratise access to scientific knowledge, ensuring research funded by the public would also be available to the public.

More than 20 years later, this vision of equity and inclusivity in knowledge sharing remains largely unfulfilled. Adapting to the winds of change, commercial publishers now promote open access, but again at a very high cost. Instead of subscription barriers, researchers now face towering Article Processing Charges (APCs), often ranging from $2,000 to $10,000 per paper. Many institutions in the Global South, and even in wealthier nations, continue to be priced out of both publishing and accessing research.

In India, the government has attempted to address this inequity through the 'One Nation One Subscription' (ONOS) initiative: starting from 2025, ONOS has provided access to journals from 30 major international publishers to all researchers in publicly funded institutions. While the cost of this nationwide deal is substantial, especially given that over half of the global research literature is already available through open-access routes, as seen from the scholarly database Web of Science, the intent behind ONOS remains commendable. It represents a step toward broadening access beyond elite institutions.

Yet it also compels us to ask deeper questions. Should we continue paying these large sums to foreign publishers to access knowledge that our own researchers produce, again with public money? Shouldn't that knowledge at the least be freely accessible to every citizen, empowering them with the scientific temper needed in an era rife with misinformation? Perhaps most importantly: where is the spirit of an *Atmanirbhar Bharat* in this enterprise?

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Ultimately, while the ONOS initiative may carry significant promise, it still leaves many foundational questions unresolved.

As we mark International Open Access Week, which is an annual global campaign to promote open access, the year's theme, 'Open Access Week 2025: Who Owns Our Knowledge?', prompts deeper reflection. In India, where publicly funded research drives much of science and social innovation, the assumption that the scholarly output belongs solely to commercial entities that host them merits scrutiny.

Knowledge and ownership

Copyright transfer in academic publishing is a practice where authors formally transfer the copyright ownership of a scholarly work to the publisher. This practice began to take shape after copyright laws such as the U.S. Copyright Act 1976, granted authors exclusive rights to their original works, thus motivating publishers to acquire and hold copyrights to control the distribution of work in journals and for any subsequent commercial use. Historically, this transfer was viewed as essential for publishers to manage permissions, reproduction, and dissemination. This was especially so in the subscription-based models, where publishers monetise articles by requiring readers to subscribe to the journals they publish. Over time, such copyright transfer agreements became standard, necessitating authors to relinquish their exclusive rights on their work if they wanted to publish it in scholarly journals.

The landscape today is more varied. While with traditional subscription-based journals, publishers follow the requirement of complete copyright transfer, the rise of open-access publishing has changed the dynamics. Fully open-access journals generally allow authors to retain copyright but apply licences, such as the Creative Commons Attribution (CC-BY) which permits free and broad reuse with attribution to the original creator.

But most authors sign copyright transfers due to the pressure to publish within the prevailing academic culture. This practice is evidently not conducive to serving the interests of research dissemination and reuse or the authors themselves. Recent initiatives like 'Plan S' advocate for authors retaining copyright to promote wider accessibility and scholarly communication without unnecessary restrictions.

Authors are also encouraged to carefully review copyright transfer agreements to understand retained rights and publishing conditions.

Creative commons licences

Authors can publish their papers using various Creative Commons (CC) licences to clearly define how others may reuse their work. Three licences in particular are notable:

(i) CC-BY (Attribution) allows a person to share the work and reuse or even adapt it, even for commercial purposes, as long as the original author is credited; (ii) CC BY-NC ('Attribution-NonCommercial') allows reuse but not for commercial purposes; and (iii) CC BY-NC-ND ('Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivatives'), the most restrictive, allows reuse but forbids both commercial use and adaptation. Publishers often promote the use of the CC BY-NC-ND licence, but in practice, however, this licence limits knowledge reuse by prohibiting translation, remixing or text mining – all actions vital for educational and technological innovation.

Retaining copyright

When authors transfer copyright to publishers as part of publication agreements, they often lose legal control over how their work is accessed, reused or shared. Large publishers like Elsevier, Wiley, and Springer typically require copyrights to be transferred for subscription-model journals, giving the publisher exclusive rights to distribute and profit from the content. As a result, authors face legal dilemmas over archiving their own articles on institutional repositories or sharing them publicly, ultimately limiting their visibility. On the other hand, authors who retain copyright (or the ability to share their work under an open licence) are empowered to share, adapt, and reuse their own scholarship without institutional or commercial restrictions.

Commercial publishers like Elsevier, Wiley, Springer, and Taylor & Francis and society publishers like the American Chemical Society use restrictive licences in their subscription models, granting publishers legal exclusivity to monetise access.

From 2024 or so, major publishers have also been selling scholarly content to Big Tech companies to train their artificial intelligence (AI) models, often without authors' explicit consent. Taylor & Francis's deal with Microsoft alone is $10 million. The global AI datasets licensing market has been valued at nearly $486 million in 2025.

Such commercial data sharing agreements mean researchers' intellectual property is being monetised twice: first through subscriptions, then through AI partnerships – while they continue to not be compensated and be denied control over their own work.

What authors can do

Authors have three courses of action in front of them.

First, they should self-archive preprint versions of their papers and accepted manuscripts in preprint and institutional repositories. Second, they should request additions to publishing contracts with journals before they submit their papers, in order to retain some rights (they can use the SPARC Author Addendum template, for instance). Third, they should advocate for institutions to develop rights-retention policies that allow them to automatically openly licence the institutions' scholarly output.

For future submissions, authors may also prefer using the CC-BY licence or institutional open access routes that ensure their papers are available for the public to access for free and to prevent unauthorised commercial exploitation.

In the spirit of Open Access Week, the question 'who owns our knowledge?' is not just a theme: it's a call to reclaim intellectual sovereignty.

The future of equitable scholarship depends on authors, not corporations, owning and sharing the knowledge that shapes society.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

Upendran

"What does 'freelance' mean?"

"If you are a freelancer, you are not on the permanent payroll of any organisation. In India, for example, there are many freelance journalists. These journalists are not in the regular employment of any newspaper organisation."

"If they are not permanently employed, then how do they make a living?"

"Usually freelance journalists write articles and sell them to different newspapers."

"I see. So a freelance journalist doesn't get a regular salary. The money he/she makes every month depends on the number of articles he/she is able to write and sell it to different newspapers and magazines."

"Exactly! Many newspapers, for example, hire freelance photographers."

"And do these photographers make a lot of money?"

"Some do, but most don't. It's also possible to say, my cousin Gayathri has been freelancing for many years."

"I think I have met her. Some women, when they get married, quit their job and begin to freelance."

"That's true. I know a woman who freelances and she makes much more money than I do."

"Good for her!"

"Anyway, why do you want to know about 'freelance'?"

"Anand told me that he wants to freelance when he grows up."

"Does he have a spear?"

"A spear? Why would he need a spear to freelance? All he needs..."

"...the word 'lance' in 'freelance' refers to a spear that soldiers carried with them a very long time ago."

"Really? But what's the connection..."

"...you see the original 'freelancers' were soldiers. These soldiers lent their lances, that is, their services, to anyone who was willing to pay them."

"Are you saying that these soldiers were willing to fight for anyone who was willing to pay them? And they didn't care who they fought for as long as they got their money?"

"That's right! They would even fight for your enemy. Nowadays, we call such people 'mercenaries'."

"I see. So the original freelancers were mercenaries."

"Yes, the original 'freelancers' were mercenaries. Soldiers who had no loyalty. They fought because they wanted the money."

"While we are on the subject of money, what does 'gold digger' mean?"

"Before I answer that question, let me add that the word 'freelance' doesn't have anything negative associated with it nowadays."

"In other words, a freelancer is not associated with a mercenary."

"That's right."

"What does 'gold digger' mean?"

"A 'gold digger' usually refers to a woman who uses her charms to extract money or gifts from men. Unlike 'freelance', this word has a very negative meaning."

"I can see that."

"In many of our movies, when the poor heroine marries the rich hero, she is often accused of being a gold digger."

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Test your knowledge of the 'Human Computer' Shakuntala Devi

Prathmesh Kher

QUESTION 1
Where and when did Shakuntala Devi set her Guinness World Record for mental calculation?

QUESTION 2
Which of her books explains her mental calculation techniques?

QUESTION 3
What was the exact product she computed for the Guinness record?

QUESTION 4
From which two constituencies did she contest the 1980 Lok Sabha elections?

QUESTION 5
What pioneering 1977 book did she write on LGBTQ+ issues in India?

Visual question:
In this 2020 biographical film, which acclaimed actor portrayed Shakuntala Devi, the Indian prodigy celebrated as the 'Human Computer'?

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The number of member economies in APEC. **Ans: 21**
2. This country proposed the grouping and hosted the first meeting of ministers of the group in 1989. **Ans: Australia**
3. This country hosted the first meeting of APEC leaders in 1993. **Ans: The U.S.**
4. This country is set to host the APEC in 2026. **Ans: China**
5. Name the city and the country from which the grouping's aim for an "open, dynamic, resilient, and peaceful Asia Pacific" derives its name from. **Ans: Putrajaya, Malaysia**
Visual: Name the Latin American country which hosted the summit in 2024. **Ans: Peru**
Early Birds: Siddhartha Viswanathan| Sunil Madhavan| Sudhir Thapa| Rownak Mondal| Diya Goyal

Word of the day

Solicitous:
full of anxiety and concern; showing hovering attentiveness

Usage: *He was solicitous about her health.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/solicitouspro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /səˈlɪsɪtəs/

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Alert residents help police nab drug peddler in Kodigehalli

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Alert residents helped police arrest a 35-year-old Nigerian national who was allegedly trying to deliver MDMA to a client at NTI Layout, Kodigehalli on Sunday.

The accused, identified as Nauzi Blessing, has been booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

The accused, clad in a burqa, was allegedly moving around suspiciously and was caught when she was taking a photograph of a building, later found to be to send to the client as the "drop location" for the delivery of the narcotics. Growing suspicious of her movements, some residents reportedly confronted her, prompting her to flee.

Scared, the accused barged into a house and reportedly threw a packet she had into a dustbin and tried to flee.

However, residents surrounded the house and alerted the police. The police recovered the packet she threw in the dustbin and found it was MDMA.

Police have arrested the accused and recovered 34 g of MDMA worth ₹1.7 lakh.

The accused was found to be overstaying as her visa had expired.

Domestic help held for killing pet

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A domestic help allegedly brutally killed a pet dog of her employer inside a lift of an apartment building on Kannur Road here recently.

The act was caught on CCTV camera installed in the lift. The accused, identified as Pushpalatha, 29, was seen lifting the dog with a leash and then smashing it on the floor of the lift killing the pet, Goofy, on the spot.

The visual shows the accused dragging the lifeless pup out of the lift to the flat.

The CCTV footage has gone viral, drawing much ire from the public and animal lovers.

Pushpalatha reportedly told the owner, Rashika K.R., that the dog had died mysteriously and she was not aware how. Suspecting her behaviour, Rashika reported the matter to the police, who verified the CCTV footage which revealed how the domestic help had killed the dog.

Based on the complaint, the police have registered a case under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, and also under Section 325 (mischief by killing, poisoning, maiming, or rendering useless any animal) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and arrested her.

The accused was hired in September as a domestic help with a salary of ₹23,000 a month. During the interrogation, Pushpalatha reportedly claimed that she was frustrated with the pet's continuous barking.

'Act of revenge'

The probe revealed that she had recently been caught stealing valuables from the house and had been warned against repeating it. The police suspected that she killed the pet as an act of revenge.

Stamp exhibition

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Department of Posts, Senior Superintendent of Post Office, Bengaluru West Division, will host Bengalurupex-25, a district-level philately exhibition, on November 4 and 5 at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Kumarakrupa Road.

This two-day event is a celebration of philately.

Highlights of Bengalurupex-25 include a diverse range of stamp exhibits, release of special covers and picture postcards, a workshop on philately and letter writing and stamp designing competitions.

Open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the exhibition invites visitors of all ages to explore the fascinating world of stamps and postal history.

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Government of Karnataka

Inauguration Ceremony
4th November 2025, Evening 5:00 PM

Dr. Sharanaprakash R. Patil, Hon'ble Minister for Skill Development, Entrepreneurship & Livelihood and Medical Education, Government of Karnataka, and Smt Shivakantamma Naik, Chairperson, Karnataka Skill Development Corporation, at the Curtain Raiser of the Bengaluru Skill Summit 2025.

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IN THE AUGUST PRESENCE OF
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PRESIDED BY
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Hon'ble Minister for Skill Development, Entrepreneurship & Livelihood and Medical Education, Government of Karnataka

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Forest Minister orders inquiry into death of two wild elephants

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre has ordered an inquiry into the death of wild elephants in Belagavi district. Two wild elephants were found electrocuted in the Nagargali forest range in Khanapur taluk on Sunday.

A note issued by the Minister has instructed Prabash Chandra Ray, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife and Chief Wildlife Warden), to conduct an inquiry and obtain a report in five days.

Forest Department sources said that Manjunath R. Chavan, Chief Conservator of Forests, is likely to conduct an inquiry. No letter, however, has been received from the head office as of Monday evening. Mr. Chavan said a detailed inquiry will be conducted as per rules, once an order is received.

Department sources, however, said that a team of officials had visited Nagaragali jungle on Monday and collected some information already. "There is preliminary information that some basic protocols like following the standard procedure during wildlife sighting were not followed. The Standard Operating Procedure for wildlife sightings is that HESCOM officers should be requested to switch off the main power supply in the areas where the wild animals were seen, to avoid casualties," a senior officer said.

"Forest officials and HESCOM officers who visited the spot of death have found that some farmers using solar power systems for their farms had by passed the HESCOM lines, which is against the rules. What is more, some had hooked some wires to the main power line and thrown the other ends of the wire on the ground. We need to find out if this was deliberately done," the officer said. It has also come to the notice of senior officers that jurisdictional officers were not in Nagargali range, their operational headquarters during the time of the incident, and reached Khanapur only after the news of the unfortunate incident broke.

A departmental inquiry will be conducted to establish if there was dereliction of duty, another officer said.

Owner booked

Meanwhile, Khanapur police have registered a case against the owner of the farm land in which the bodies of the elephants were found. An FIR was registered against landowner Ganapathi Sateri of Sulegali village.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II BENGALURU
Government of India
Debt Recovery Tribunal-II Karnataka (Bengaluru)
4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

FORM NO. 14
(See Regulation 33(2))
RC No. 1024/2019

Vijaya Bank @ Bank of Baroda
Cox Town Branch, Bangalore-560005 ...Certificate Holder
Versus
M/s Travel Links and another
...Certificate Debtor/Defendants

DEMAND NOTICE

1. M/s Travel Links
No. 1, Colonel Hill Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051
Represented by its Proprietor
Sri. Saleem Javed
2. Sri. Mohammed Sadiq
S/o Sri. Abdul Hafeez Door No. 35, 3rd Cross, Rahmatnagar, Bangalore-560032.
.....Certified Debtor/Defendants

In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in TA No 2158/2017 passed by the Ho'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on dated 5/5/2018 an amount of. **Rs.16,07,698.58 (Rupees Sixteen Lakh(s) Seven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Eight And Paise Fifty Eight Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.
In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned within 15 days from the date of paper publication of the demand notice at 10.30 am for further proceedings.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on 20th Day of June 2020.

Sd/- Recovery Officer-1
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Bangalore

Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 to the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961 read with Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993(Amended from time to time) which is reproduced as under: "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the debts recovery officer nor shall be any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.
2. Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter or any debt, divided or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.
3. You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No.Y-E-29-2025-26-59
Dated: 24-10-2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Description of work	Approx. Value
OHE modification for Platform extension works at Sasalu, Ajjampura, Ramagiri and Hosadurga Road.	Rs. 25,31,562.80

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 17-11-2025
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Publication of E-Tender Notice No.:
SWRTMYPR202526WT07 Dated: 27-10-2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Name of work	Approx. Value
Procurement of Hydraulic hoses with suitable end fittings duly crimping the hoses for the use of Track Machines in South Western Railway. **Period of Completion: 12 Months**	Rs.91,73,969/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 25-11-2025
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TENDER NOTICE

Directorate of Tourism is inviting proposals for the following project via its e-tendering system from pre-qualified organizations. Details of the project are as follows :

Project: Selection of Project Management Consultant for the World Bank supported 'MahaSTRIDE' Operation for Directorate of Tourism, Govt of Maharashtra.

E – Tender Schedule

Period for downloading and submitting tenders online – **04.11.2025 (05:00 PM) to 04.12.2025 (05:00 PM)**
Date and time of opening of Technical proposal – **05.12.2025 (01:00 PM)**
Corrigendum - **The above e-tender notices and corrections will be displayed online only.**
Detailed tender instructions and e-tender information are available from the following website **www.mahatenders.gov.in**

Sd/-
Director, DoT, Mumbai

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of Uttar Pradesh Undertaking)
GSTIN: 09AACCU2250P1ZZ CIN: U85310UP2018SGC102425
Date: 31-10-2025

Tender Notice Invitation

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited, Lucknow invites tenders on GeM Portal from eligible and qualified Manufacturer/Importer/Authorized Agent for supply of **following Medical Equipment's**. The schedules of Tendering activities are as here under:

Sr. No.	Tender Ref. No. & Date	Items Name	Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	Last Date & Submission of Online Bids	Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bids
1	GEM/2025/B/6841680 Dated: 30-10-2025	Surgical Operating ENT Microscope	10/11/2025 at 3:00 PM in Conference Hall of UPMSCL, Lucknow.	24/11/2025 up to 18:00 PM	24/11/2025 at 18:30 PM
2	GEM/2025/B/6841594 Dated: 30-10-2025	Ultrasound Machine	11/11/2025 at 3:00 PM in Conference Hall of UPMSCL, Lucknow.	24/11/2025 up to 18:00 PM	24/11/2025 at 18:30 PM
3	GEM/2025/B/6841482 Dated: 30-10-2025	Portable Ultrasound Machine	11/11/2025 at 3:00 PM in Conference Hall of UPMSCL, Lucknow.	24/11/2025 up to 19:00 PM	24/11/2025 at 19:30 PM
4	GEM/2025/B/6841787 Dated: 30-10-2025	Laparoscopic Surgery System	14/11/2025 at 3:00 PM in Conference Hall of UPMSCL, Lucknow.	24/11/2025 up to 18:00 PM	24/11/2025 at 18:30 PM
5	GEM/2025/B/6842480 Dated: 31-10-2025	Integrated Electrosurgical Unit and vessel sealer	14/11/2025 at 3:00 PM in Conference Hall of UPMSCL, Lucknow.	25/11/2025 up to 18:00 PM	25/11/2025 at 18:30 PM

The details of tender notice are given on GeM Portal & UPMSCL website www.upmsc.in. Kindly check GeM Portal & UPMSCL website for any detail & updates.
Managing Director, UPMSCL
Department of Medical Health & Family Welfare, Uttar Pradesh

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Corporate Office, "MESCOM BHAVANA", Bejai, Mangalore - 575 004
Ph: 0824-2885796 CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

No: MESCOM/SEE(Proj)/EE(W)/2025-26/2138 Date: 30.10.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH KPP PORTAL ONLY)

MESCOM invites tender for the work of Construction of 33kV SC line from ongoing 33/11kV Koila Substation to link existing 33kV Puttur-Nelyadi line at Alankar junction for a distance of 7.4kms to create an alternative source of supply to 33/11kV Nelyady Substation in Puttur City Subdivision of Puttur division on Total Turnkey Basis vide bid enquiry number MESCOM/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT378

The interested eligible bidders may log on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **05.11.2025**

Sd/-,
Superintending Engineer (Ele) (Projects)

DIPR/DK/KSMCA/1028/25-26 dt: 03.11.2025
For Power Related Complaints & Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

UTTAR PRADESH MEDICAL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of Uttar Pradesh Undertaking)

Tender Notice

Tender Ref. No: UPMSCL/QC-007/017/25-26 Dated: 31/10/2025
e-TENDER FOR RATE CONTRACT
FOR DOMESTIC COURIER / CARGO SERVICES

Online tenders are invited for Rate Contract for Domestic Courier / Cargo Services to UPMSCL. The details of Tender Documents are made available on website https://etender.up.nic.in and www.upmsc.in. The last date/time of online submission of the tender documents is **21/11/2025 upto 15:00 Hrs.**

Managing Director
UPMSCL Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
Department of Medical Health & Family Welfare, Uttar Pradesh

JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of Jharkhand Undertaking)
JUIDCO Bhawan, Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi-834001
E-Mail - pdt.juidco@gmail.com, juidcolimited@gmail.com
CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752

CORRIGENDUM - 3

Name of Work: Request for Pre-Qualification for Empanelment of Agency for Operation Maintenance of LED Street Lights in Urban Local Bodies of Jharkhand
Ref PR No.: 363006
Tender ID: 2025_UDD_105261_1
NIT No.: JUIDCO/NIT/EMP/OnM/SL/2025-665

Corrigendum – 3 for the tender "Request for Pre-Qualification for Empanelment of Agency for Operation Maintenance of LED Street Lights in Urban Local Bodies of Jharkhand" has been published on the Government of Jharkhand's e-procurement website.
All bidders are requested to review it before submitting their bids.

Sd/-
(B K Roy)
Project Director (Technical)

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ಸಹಿ/– ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿ,
ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಕಾರ್ಕಳ, ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SEE-SCADA/EE(D)/AEE-Proj/F-48/2025-26/2993 Date: 03.11.2025

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

Bid Tender No. **KPTCL/2025-26/SEE2296 (CALL-2)**

KPTCL, invites bid from the OEM/Authorized Agencies for **"Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of Techser Make 2kVA online UPS at 267 locations of KPTCL sub-stations".**

The details can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **04.11.2025 and the last date & time for receipt of bid is as in e-portal.** Any extensions of due date for bid submission will be intimated in the e-portal and if any details required in this regard can also be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

All Corrigendum /Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the bids.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, (Elec).,
SCADA, KPTCL, No.28, Race Course Cross Road, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560009 Phone No. 080-29700049

IN THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE
4th Floor, Telephone House (BSNL) Building Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560 001

O.A. No. 2597/2024

BETWEEN:
Union Bank of India
Chakkere, Channapatna
....Applicant

AND
Smt. Prakash Sirvi
...Defendants

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
Defendant
Sri. Prakash Sirvi
Proprietor
Nandi Agency
New Don Bosco International School
1st Floor, No.684/89/1/7
Appagere Road
Shiva Nanke Gowda Building
Channapatna 562 160

SUMMONS

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the defendant for the recovery of a Sum of **Rs. 25,08,806.92/-** mentioned herein together with current future interest and other reliefs.

The above mentioned Defendant is hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Tribunal in person or through an advocate or duly authorized agent in support of your defense to show causes within 30 days from the date of Publication or on 11-02-2026 at 10.30 AM as to why relief/s prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal on this 28th day of October 2025 at Bangalore.

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Bengaluru

HUBLI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly Owned Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)
O/ O Superintending Engineer(Ele),
Reg No : 85B, Near B.E.O/ Haveri Urban Development Authority Office,
Hanchinal Layout, P.B. Road, Haveri-581110.
Web Site : www.hescom.karnataka.gov.in
E-mail : seehvr.hescom@gmail.com
Corporate Identity Number (CIN) : U31401KA2002SGC030437

No. HESCOM/HVR/Crl.O/SEE/EEE(O)/AEE(O)/AET-1/2025-26/CYS-101 Date : 03 Nov 2025

Short Term Tender Notification
(KPP -Procurement mode only)

The Superintending Engineer (Ele), O&M Circle, HESCOM, Haveri has invited, various Service tenders in O & M Circle Haveri Jurisdiction as per below.

Providing Service of security guard at various Offices in HESCOM Haveri Circle Jurisdiction : Tender No: HESCOM/2025-26/SE0648, SE0649, SE0650, SE0651, SE0652, SE0653, SE0654, SE0655

Providing Service of Data Entry Operator at various Offices in HESCOM Haveri Circle Jurisdiction : Tender No: HESCOM/2025-26/SE0675, SE0676, SE0677, SE0678.

Providing Service of Attender at Vigilance Sub Division in HESCOM Haveri Circle Jurisdiction : Tender No: HESCOM/2025-26/SE0674

Last date for receipt of bid document **21.11.2025** Before 16:00 Hrs through KPP-procurement mode only. The detailed bidding documents can be downloaded through KPP-procurement portal web site https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
DIPR/DWD/KSMCA/825/2025-26 **O&M Circle, HESCOM, Haveri**

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner namely, **Sri.KUMARA RAJA.S S/o Perumal Sait,** residing at No.31, 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560020.

Apart from the said owner, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they rely) to the proposed sale transaction, with the undersigned within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Survey No.115/1A (part of old No.115/1), measuring 2 Acres 2 Guntas and 7 Guntas of Kharab land, situated at Heggadihalli Village, Thubgere Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on:
East by : Land bearing Sy.No.112, belonging to Aswathnarayana,
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.115/1B, belonging to Ramaiah and children,
North by : Sy.No.114,
South by : Lake.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Survey No.113, measuring 5 Guntas, situated at Heggadihalli Village, Thubgere Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on:
East by : Land bearing Sy.No.112,
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.114,
North by : Road,
South by : Land bearing Sy.No.115/1A (old No.115).

Item No.3: All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Survey No.114, measuring 11 Guntas, situated at Heggadihalli Village, Thubgere Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on:
East by : Land bearing Sy.No.113,
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.115/B, belonging to Ramaiah and children,
North by : Road,
South by : Land bearing Sy.No.115/1A (old No.115).

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**, Advocate,
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES,
No.60, 2nd Floor, Old Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560004

PUBLIC NOTICE
(LOST OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS)

This is to inform and notice is hereby given to the general Public that my client, **Mr. S. SRIDHAR @ SARANALA SRIDHAR**, aged about 51 years, S/o. Mr. Saranala Babu Rao, Aadhaar No: 7680 9846 3472, residing at form House No.201 & 202, Mandur Village, Virgonagar Post, Bangalore-560049, permanent adress at Residing at Plot No.13-15, DR No.8-2-293/82/NG13-15, Road No-69, Nandagiri Hills, Jubliee Hills, Hyderabad, Thelangana-500033, Presently who is the sole and absolute lawful owner of the property more fully described in the schedule herein below and hereinafter referred to as the schedule Property.
He is representing that the original Documents as follows: -
a. Grant Certificate dated 04.04.1962, bearing No.SC 301/62-63 issued by Tahsildar, in the Name of Sri. K.N.Ramappa.
b. Sale deed dated 05.06.1974 and Registered as Document No.1302/1974-75, Book-1, Volume No.1387 pages 143 to 146 in the office of the Sub Registrar Hosakote, executed by Sri.K.N.Ramappa conveyed the Land Measuring 4 Acre in Sy No.128 of Mandur Village to in Favour of Sri.M.Muniyappa.
c. Sale deed dated 27.03.1980 and Registered as Document No.1519/1980-81, Book-1, Volume No.1599 pages 5 to 8, in the office of the Sub Registrar Hosakote, executed by Sri.M.Muniyappa conveyed the Land Measuring 4 Acres in Sy No.128 of Mandur Village to in Favour of Sri.Austin Roach.
d. Grant Certificate dated 04.04.1962, bearing No.SC301/62-63 issued by Tahsildar, in the Name of Sri.K.N.Krishnappa.
e. Sale deed dated 05.06.1974 and Registered as Document No.1301/1974-75, Book-1, Volume No.1387 pages 143 to 146 in the office of the Sub Registrar Hosakote, executed by Sri.K.N.Krishnappa conveyed the Land Measuring 4 Acre in Sy No.128 of Mandur Village to in Favour of Sri.H.Hanumanthiah.
f. Sale deed dated 27.03.1980 and Registered as Document No.1518/1980-81, Book-1, Volume No.1599 pages 1 to 4, in the office of the Sub Registrar Hosakote, executed by Sri.H.Hanumanthiah conveyed the Land Measuring 4 Acres in Sy No.128 of Mandur Village to in Favour of Sri.Austin Roach.
g. Sale deed dated 14.06.1989 and Registered as Document No.484/1989-90, Book-1, Volume No.21 pages 24 to 38 in the office of the Sub Registrar Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore, executed by Sri.Austin Roach conveyed the Land Measuring 8 Acres in Sy No.128 of Mandur Village to in Favour of Mrs.Enid Furtado.
h. Sale deed dated 27.09.2018 and Registered as Document No.BDH-1-03604/2018-19 in Book-1, stored in CD No. BDHD190 in the office of the Sub Registrar Bidarahalli, Bangalore executed by Mrs.Enid Furtado had conveyed the Land Measuring 8 Acres in Sy No.128 of Mandur Village to in Favour of Mr. S. Sridhar @ Saranala Sridhar.
In respect to the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** mentioned hereunder, is lost/misplace which is not traceable till date and my client further claims that, the same is not deposited/mortgaged with any bank or financial institutions with an intention to create any charge on the schedule property. In this regard my client has lodged a complaint before the Bangalore city police unit on 03.11.2025 vide LR No.1881954/2025.
If anybody other than the said Mr. S. Sridhar @ Saranala Sridhar has any claim, right, title and interest on the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** by virtue of being in possession or otherwise of the above said Original Documents, or any Rights they should file their claim with documentary proof within **FIFTEEN DAYS** from the date of issuance of this Public Notice in our office, at the address mentioned below, failing which, it will be taken for granted that nobody has any manner of right, title, interest or claim over the SCHEDULE PROPERTY other than the said Mr. S. Sridhar @ Saranala Sridhar.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property Land bearing **Survey No.201,** (Old Survey No.128), Measuring 4-00 Acres and Survey No.202, (Old Survey No.128) Measuring 4-00 Acres, totally measuring 8-00 Acres, (Eight Acre) situated at **MANDURU Village, Bidarahlli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore,** with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the;
East by : Road;
West by : Land bearing Survey No.128;
North by : Land bearing Survey No.128;
South by : Road and Land bearing Survey No.126 and Survey No.167;

C. V. NAGENDRA, Advocate,
SNS Law Associates,
First Floor, No.663, Post office Road, K.R.Puram, Bangalore-560036.
Place:- Bangalore Date:-04.11.2025

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
 # 49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road
Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-61/1256/2025-26 Date: 03.11.2025

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item rate Tenders under two cover system are invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible (Electrical) Contractors registered in KCEI who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following works as per the schedule given below :

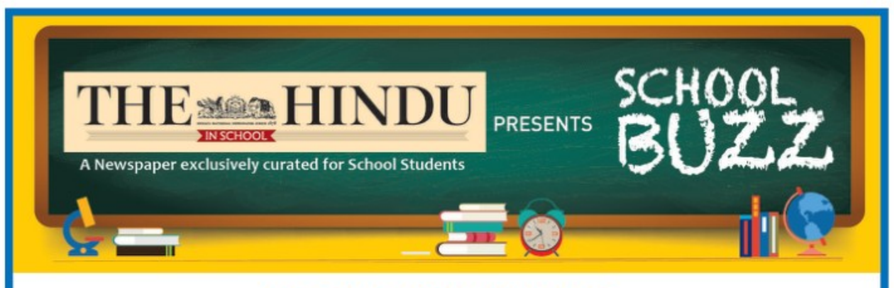
Name of the Work : (1) Providing RMUs at Sarathi Kurubarahalli Industrial Area, Harihara Taluk, Davanagere District **(Reserve for Others). (2)** Repair, Reconditioning & Servicing of 220HP pumping machineries at Jackwell pumphouse of KIADB Gorur & Providing Highmast at Hassan Growth Center Industrial Area, Hassan Zone **(Reserve for Others). (3)** Shifting and Re-routing of existing HT/LT line & Transformer Center passing over Industrial Plots at Sarathi Kurubarahalli Industrial Area, Phase-1, Harihara Taluk, Davanagere District. **(Reserve for Others). (4)** Re-conditioning, Operation and Annual Maintenance of Street lights at Apparel Park Industrial Area, Phase-I & II, Bengaluru Rural District **(Reserve for CAT-II(A)). (5)** Shifting and Re-routing of existing HT/LT lines and DTC at various Industrial Plots of Vemgal Industrial Area 1st & 2nd Phase, Kolar District. **(Reserve for SC)** .

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **21.11.2025** upto **4.00 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/3564/Zen/2025-26



PROUD ACHIEVEMENT

Gurukul High School reported a proud moment as three members of their faculty were recognised at the BSSCA Guru Samman Awards organised by the Bangalore Sahodaya Schools Complex Association with Edchemy. Coordinator Syeeda Nazia Banu received the award for Scholastic Education Excellence, Admin Staff member Ashwini was honoured as Operations Star, and School Counsellor Ashwini A. P. was named Activity Warrior. The event was attended by Sri Tejasvi Surya, Smt. Deepa Sridhar and Dr Dakshayini Khanna. Sri Tejasvi Surya addressed the gathering, highlighting the vital role teachers play in shaping the nation.

STUDENTS EXCEL AT KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP

JSS Public School, HBR Layout reported that their students excelled at the State-Level Karate Championship organised by the India International Academy of Martial Art with Kempo Karate Do India in Mysore. Participants included Jansi Gowda, Vijay Adi, Surya Pranand, Md Fouzan, Md Huzaifa, Aryan Haris, Abeer Palherkar, Mansoor Ali, Arhan Pasha and Arahant Jain, who showcased strong skill and discipline. The Principal said the students had brought pride to the institution through their hard work. The team was guided by Master Panju Murthy and Master Suresh Babu.

PROUD ACHIEVEMENT

NPS Kengeri reported a proud moment as three educators — Principal Geeta Dikshit, Yoga Instructor Pramod G. S and Activity Coordinator Kavitha R — were conferred with the Guru Samman Award, recognising excellence in education and lifelong learning. Principal Geeta Dikshit received the honour under the category 'School Crusader' for her leadership and commitment to academic excellence and character building. Mr Pramod was acknowledged for strengthening yoga education, while Ms Kavitha was recognised for fostering creativity and innovation. The school said their dedication reflects the transformative influence teachers have on students and the wider community.

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Wild elephant captured near Kudremukh, officials claim tusker killed two in Chikkamagaluru district

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

The tusker that was captured by the Forest Department near Kudremukh in Chikkamagaluru district. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Forest Department captured a 40-year-old tusker, said to be responsible for the death of two persons at Kerekatte Range of Kudremukh Wildlife Division in Sringeri taluk of Chikkamagaluru district in Karnataka, on Sunday evening. Two persons died in an elephant attack near Kerekatte on Friday.

A team of over 150 Forest Department staff and officials, besides five trained elephants, were involved in the operation. The animal was captured close to Bhagawathi Nature Camp of Jungle Lodges near Kudremukh.

Following the death of two persons, the local people staged a protest demanding a permanent solution to the human-elephant conflict in the region. The department began preparations to capture the elephant on November 1. A team of five trained elephants from Dubare and Dodda Harave camps were brought on November 2 morning. The ground staff kept track of the tusker's movement. Veterinarians fired a tranquiliser dart around 4.30 p.m. The animal was loaded on a truck. APCCF Manoj Ranjan, Mangaluru Circle Conservator of Forests V. Karikalan, DCF of Kudremukh Wildlife Sivaram Babu and other senior officers supervised the operation.

Mr. Sivaram Babu told *The Hindu* that the captured elephant, weighing about 5,000 kg, would be kept under observation at Dodda Harave camp. "The elephant has been known for raiding crops. It had been moving from Agumbe in Shivamogga district to Bhagamandala in Kodagu district. However, there were no instances of causing human deaths, until October 31. Earlier, there were attempts to capture the animal in 2014 and 2019 in Shivamogga, which failed," the officer said.

Rehabilitation

The Forest Department is prepared to relocate 17 families in Kerekatte Range, where the movement of wild animals had been noticed.

"The department is seeking ₹20 crore to shift these families. As soon as we get the funds, we will relocate them. The families are willing to move out," an officer said. There are 1,382 families within the Kudremukh National Park. Among them, 653 have volunteered to move out. So far, the government has rehabilitated 355.

On November 1, Minister for Energy K.J. George, who is also Minister in charge of Chikkamagaluru district, visited the families of people who died in the elephant attack. He stated that the State government would seek funds from the Centre to rehabilitate all the families.

Resorts and safaris among reasons for wild animals coming out of forests: Siddaramaiah

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah identified resorts and safaris in forest areas of Karnataka as among the reasons for wild animals coming out of the forests.

Responding to queries by reporters in Mysuru on Monday on the frequent tiger attacks in the region during the last few days, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the movement of humans in the forest areas had increased due to a rise in the number of resorts and jungle safaris.

Shortage

Besides, he said, wild animals are facing a shortage of water and fodder. Hence, a large number of elephants, tigers, leopards, wild boar and deer are coming out of the forests.

While a meeting in this regard has already been held in Chamarajanagar involving Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre and Ministers in charge of Chamarajanagar and Mysuru districts - K. Venkatesh and H.C. Mahadevappa, respectively - Mr. Siddaramaiah said he too will soon convene a meeting in this regard.

Action assured

Mr. Siddaramaiah assured action against illegal resorts, which he cited as one of the reasons for the human-animal conflict, and said directions had already been issued to reduce the number of jungle safaris. With regard to Rajyotsava awards, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the government of Karnataka had identified achievers for the awards this year without receiving any applications.

The government had ensured social justice and regional representation while identifying the awardees.

Farmer drinks pesticide during protest

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

A farmer drank from a bottle that apparently contained pesticide during the protest by sugarcane farmers for higher prices in Gurlapur in Belagavi district on Monday. Lakkappa Gunagar of Alakanur village in Raybag taluk, who was in the crowd, moved closer to MP Jagadish Shettar and drank from the bottle. He was rushed to the hospital and police said he is recovering.

Mr. Shettar appealed to the farmers not to take such extreme steps. He said that their demands were justified and that they should continue their protest till their demand were met. Farmers have been protesting in Gurlapur and other places for 4-5 days now. But the government has remained a mute spectator. It has not taken any steps to express solidarity with them.

The State government should declare a Minimum Support Price of ₹3,500 per tonne, other than transport and cutting charges. Only then, farmers will be able to make a profit, Mr. Shettar said.

He claimed that private and cooperative factories in Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Haryana were already paying between ₹3,500 - ₹4,100 per tonne. Members of the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha, Hasiru Sene, and Karnataka Sugarcane Farmers Association have been protesting for higher prices for sugarcane in a few places in Belagavi district. On Tuesday, they blocked the Nippani-Mudhol road for some time.

MLA Duryodhan Aihole, activists Ashok Pujari and Bheemappa Gadag , Subash Patil, BJP district president and others visited the spot on Tuesday.

Farmer groups held protests in Athani, Sambra and Bailhongal on Tuesday, seeking higher sugarcane prices.

Centre for Omics and Systems Medicine set up at Nitte

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

Nitte (Deemed-to-be-University) in Mangaluru has set up a Centre for Omics and Systems Medicine for building a world-class research hub for advanced genomic and molecular studies to address health challenges relevant to India, its Vice-Chancellor M.S. Moodithaya said on Monday.

Addressing the press, Prof. Moodithaya said, "One of the objectives is to support cutting-edge disease research by providing high-end facilities and expertise in proteomics, metabolomics, and related fields."

The facility has been established on a 5,000 sq ft area by investing ₹20 crore in equipment, he said.

Harsha Halahalli, Registrar of the institution, said that the centre is a high-end facility for analytical work related to biological sciences.

Dr. Halahalli added, "Studies for identifying and estimating proteins and other biological molecules that typically require months of work can be completed in a few hours with a high-end equipment at the centre. Thousands of proteins from hundreds of samples can be analysed each day in this facility."

The centre will serve researchers from across India and abroad. It will also provide analytical and consultancy services for industry, he said.

The Registrar said another objective is to train students and researchers in emerging areas of omics and data science to strengthen India's biomedical research capacity.

Referring to other projects at the university, the Vice-Chancellor said that Nitte-Government of Karnataka Centre of Excellence in Aquamarine Innovation was opened at the university recently.

The Centre of Excellence (CoE) was established with a financial outlay of ₹7.4 crore, to be utilised over a period of three years. This grant from the State government will be used to establish advanced research laboratories for cutting-edge research on health management and crop productivity of aquaculture species, bioremediation, and bioprospecting. The other activities envisaged under this CoE include support for innovation through mentorship, guidance, infrastructure support, funding, networking opportunities for startups, capacity building through skill development programmes in the field of marine biotechnology, and outreach activities through hosting and conducting conferences and farm-level demonstrations of new technologies.

Prof. Moodithaya said that five constituent colleges of Nitte group in Bengaluru are now part of the Nitte (Deemed-to-be-University).

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Friday, November 07, 2025, from 10:00 AM

IN THE PRESENCE OF

Thiru. H. Shankar
Managing Director,
Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL)

Tmt. Supriya Sahu I.A.S
Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Department of Environment, Climate Change & Forests,
Government of Tamil Nadu

Thiru. Srivats Ram
Immediate Past Chairman,
CII Tamil Nadu,
Managing Director, Wheels India

Session Topics

Session 1	Fireside Chat : Balancing Growth and Green	10:50 am to 11:20 am
	CPCL's sustainability journey.	
Session 2	Panel: Water for Tomorrow	11:25 am to 12:25 pm
	Sustainable management and industrial responsibility: Strategies for conservation, reuse and sustainable water management.	
Session 3	Fireside Chat: Greening Tamil Nadu	12:30 pm to 01:00 pm
	The State's climate action and environmental stewardship.	
	Lunch Break	01:05 pm to 02:25 pm
Session 4	Panel: Energy Transition in India: The Road Ahead	02:30 pm to 03:30 pm
	How oil & gas, renewables, and emerging fuels can coexist in the journey toward net zero.	
Session 5	Panel: Policy & Governance for Climate Action	03:35 pm to 04:35 pm
	How regulation, incentives, and public-private collaboration can accelerate sustainable growth.	
Session 6	Panel: Clean Tech for a Sustainable Tomorrow	04:40 pm to 05:40 pm
	Accelerating innovation in clean technologies to reduce emissions and energy footprints.	
Session 7	Panel: Financing the Green Transition: The Role of Sustainable Capital	05:45 pm to 06:45 pm
	How banks, investors, and green finance mechanisms can accelerate renewable energy, clean tech, and climate-resilient infrastructure.	

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Actor Darshan, Pavithra Gowda and 15 others charged with murder

Trial in Renukaswamy murder case likely from November 10; accused sign on charge documents before they were taken to Parappana Agrahara Central Prison Complex

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A Bengaluru court on Monday framed charges against Kannada actor Darshan Thoogudeepa, his friend Pavithra Gowda and 15 others, in the 2024 Renukaswamy murder case. The trial in the case is likely to commence from November 10.

A video grab of Kannada actor Darshan being escorted to Parappana Agrahara central jail after appearing in the court, in the Renukaswamy murder case in Bengaluru on Monday.

Renukaswamy, 33, working at a medical shop in Chitradurga, was kidnapped by actor Darshan's associates for sending lewd messages to Pavithra Gowda, brought to a shed in Bengaluru where the actor, Pavithra Gowda and others allegedly beat him to death and disposed of the body in a stormwater drain, in an attempt to cover up the crime, the police have alleged in the 3,991-page charge sheet filed on September 3, 2024 , naming Pavithra as Accused No. 1 and Darshan as Accused No. 2, detailing the alleged role of each accused in the crime. A supplementary charge sheet was submitted later.

Renukaswamy's mutilated body was found near a stormwater drain in Sumanahalli in west Bengaluru on June 9, 2024. The next day four persons turned up at the police station owning up to the murder. However, their interrogation had led the police to actor Darshan and his partner Pavithra Gowda.

The 17 accused have now been charged under Section 302 (murder), 359 (kidnapping), 120(b) (criminal conspiracy), 204 (attempt to destroy evidence) among other Sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

All the 17 accused in the case pleaded "not guilty" after the judge of the Additional City Civil and Sessions Court (CCH-57) read out the charges. The judge recorded their pleas and posted the case for November 10, 2025.

High drama ensued at the court as all the 17 accused were brought to the court under tight police security.

As several advocates and public gathered in the courtroom, the judge asked all those unconnected with the case to leave the court hall to ensure smooth proceedings.

After the proceedings were completed, all the accused signed on charge documents before they were taken back to Parappana Agrahara Central Prison Complex where they are held in judicial custody.

Reconstitution of State Cabinet: CM for Delhi on November 15

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU/BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is scheduled to visit the national capital Delhi on November 15 amid speculation over reconstitution of the State Cabinet.

When asked about the proposal to reshuffle his Ministry, which will be completing two-and-a-half years later this month, Mr. Siddaramaiah said he will speak to Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and All India Congress Committee (AICC) president M. Mallikarjun Kharge after the ensuing Assembly elections in Bihar.

Siddaramaiah

CM's counter to DKS

When asked if he would visit the national capital, Mr. Siddaramaiah told reporters at Mysuru airport on Monday that he would visit Delhi on November 15.

When his attention was drawn to a reported statement by leaders of Bihar that Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar would become the Chief Minister, Mr. Siddaramaiah shot back at the reporters for harping on the issue of leadership change.

"Don't you have anything else to ask?" he said before making it clear that it is the high command that takes a decision on leadership change. "It is worthless if anybody else talks about it," he said.

Prospects in Bihar

Mr. Siddaramaiah expressed confidence that INDIA bloc would win the Assembly elections in Bihar. Though he had not been invited by the party to the poll-bound State, Mr Siddaramaiah said he would campaign if he was asked to.

Dismissing possibilities of voters preferring Nitish Kumar again in Bihar, the Karnataka Chief Minister said, "He has no ideology. He will go with BJP, Congress or Lalu Prasad Yadav," he said.

Continued support

Meanwhile, even as the party high command continued to maintain silence on the issue of possible leadership change, Ministers loyal to Mr. Siddaramaiah continued to predict that he would stay for full term.

Ministers Dinesh Gundu Rao, N.S. Boseraju and Zameer Ahmed Khan continued to maintain that the Chief Minister's chair was not empty and that the high command would decide the issue of leadership.

All three Ministers claimed that the "November Revolution" was being highlighted only in the media. The party's central leaders had not suggested any change in the leadership in November, they claimed.

Meanwhile, it is being speculated that PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi is expected to visit Delhi in the next few days to meet the party's top brass. He had been lobbying hard to get the post of the KPCC president and expressed his interest to lead the party in the 2028 Assembly elections.

State to add substations

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka is ready to establish more power substations wherever suitable land is available, to strengthen electricity distribution, said Energy Minister K.J. George on Monday. He inaugurated a 110/11 kV power distribution substation built by the KPTCL at Sulekere (Aggunda) village in Arsikere taluk of Hassan district.

Beer sales see sharp drop, but excise revenue goes up by 11.34 %

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Heavy rainfall and floods in several parts of Karnataka, especially in Kalyana Karnataka region, besides steep hike in excise duty, are among the reasons for a whopping drop of beer sales by 18.35 % between April and October when compared to the corresponding period last year.

However, despite this, and a 1.07 % dip in the IML sales, the excise revenue collection has shown a 11.34 % growth over the corresponding period last year.

As per the data available with the Excise Department, beer sales slacked from April, returning negative growth every month.

In the seven months of 2025-2026 financial year, 227.62 lakh cases of beer were sold in comparison to 278.79 lakh cases sold in the corresponding period of 2024-2025, amounting to a dip by 18.35 %.

Though the IML sales also declined in the period, it has not been steep. Against 407.40 lakh cases sold in 2024-2025, 403.04 lakh cases were sold this year, a decline by 1.07 %. The decline in growth has been seen since June.

"Volume in beer sales dropped as several parts of State started receiving rainfall since March and summer months remained relatively cooler. During Monsoon months, people could not venture out in the evening in a number of place as it rained heavily. Added to it was floods, especially in Kalyana Karnataka region," a senior official said.

April to June, when beer sales normally increase, there was a dip.

While April saw a dip in growth by 16.33 % when compared to corresponding month in 2024, May and June saw dip by 26.84 % and 13.82 %, respectively, compared to corresponding months.

As against 137.49 lakh cases of beer sold in these three months last year, a total of 110.64 lakh cases of beer were sold in these months this year.

Volume in beer sales dropped as several parts of the State started receiving rainfall since March and summer months remained relatively cooler. FILE PHOTO

The official also said that the period was also marked by beer producing companies stopping or reducing their sales schemes, which would normally boost offtake figure.

"Enticing retailers and their families with foreign travel or offering free beer for a particular quantity, beer was being dumped in the market. This stopped bringing down the total offtake," the official explained.

However, the excise revenue collection has grown by 11.34 % with total collection of ₹22,995 crore against ₹20,653 crore collected last year.

The revenue growth has been attributed to the increase in excise duty in the first four of the 16 excise duty slabs.

"Nearly 85% of the excise revenue comes from the basic liquor that falls under the first four slabs. Increase in the duty in these slabs has ensured the revenue growth. After the increase, the cheapest whiskey that is popular among consumers cost ₹80 for a 180 ml bottle," the official said.

On the impact of rationalisation of excise slabs that brought down prices of premium liquor on the overall sales, the official said that though there was some increase in offtake of premium brands, it did not grow as per expectations.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah with winners of State film awards in Mysuru on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

'State film awards will be presented same year'

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday announced that the State film awards will be presented in the same year from next year onwards. He also assured that the pendin film subsidies will be cleared soon.

Speaking at the presentation ceremony of the State film awards for 2018 and 2019 here, Mr. Siddaramaiah said there would no longer be delays in conferring awards to Kannada films. "I have already directed the Department of Information and Public Relations to ensure that the awards for each year are presented in the same year. This will be implemented from next year. The awards for 2020 and 2021 will also be presented shortly," he said.

Sharing a personal note, he said, "When I was a student, I used to watch films almost every day. Now, I hardly find time to watch any. I am yet to watch *Kantara - A Legend Chapter 1*, but I will watch it soon," he said, smiling at actor Rishab Shetty, who was present at the event.

Mr. Siddaramaiah also announced that the proposed Film City in Mysuru would take shape soon. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) is under preparation and is expected to be ready by December-end.

The Dr. Rajkumar award for the year 2018 was conferred on noted actor G. K. Srinivasamurthy, while the 2019 award went to veteran film personality Umashree. The Puttanna Kanagal award for 2018 was presented to acclaimed film maker P. Sheshadri, and for 2019 to N.R. Nanjunde Gowda. The Dr. Vishnuvardhan award, given for lifetime achievement in the film industry, was bagged by B.S. Basavaraju for 2018 and Richard Castelino for 2019. In the category of popular cinema, actor-director Rishab Shetty's film *Sarkari Hiriya Prathamika Shaale, Kasaragod* won the best popular film award.

Satish Jarkiholi says he has no plans of going to Delhi

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Satish Jarkiholi, Minister and KPCC working president, has said that he has no plans to visit New Delhi for political reasons as of now.

"I am not going to Delhi right now, I will stay here. I will go to Delhi when necessary. We keep going to Delhi for administrative purposes like meeting Ministers concerned. Whenever we are in the national capital, we tend to meet leaders of the party high command. They cannot be considered as political visits," he said. He was speaking to reporters in Hukkeri in Belagavi district on Monday.

"There has been no discussion about the possibility of a change in the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee leadership in the party. No one has told me that I should take up the responsibility. But if that discussion comes up, let us see," he said.

To a query, Mr. Jarkiholi said he had no idea about the meeting between AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
PUBLIC (ELECTIONS-II) DEPARTMENT
SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI-600 009.

Tender No.1/2025/888 **TENDER NOTIFICATION** **Date : 4.11.2025**

e-Tenders are invited from reputed Companies / Agencies for Printing of Draft/Final/Integrated Electoral Rolls during Revision of Electoral Rolls, Generation of Photo Similar Entries and Demographic Similar Entries Notices in Tamil Nadu through ERONet for a period of three (3) years as per the guidelines/instructions of the Election Commission of India. The details can be seen in the tender document which can be downloaded free of cost from the websites **https://tntenders.gov.in** and **www.elections.tn.gov.in**

1. Queries from the Companies/Agencies should be raised in the website **https://tntenders.gov.in** by **05:00 P.M. on 10.11.2025.** The reply to the queries of the Companies/Agencies shall be uploaded by this Department by **05:00 P.M** on **17.11.2025** in the website **https://tntenders.gov.in.**
2. The last date for submission of tender document by e-Procurement module – **3.00 P.M. on 03.12.2025.**
3. Technical Bids Opening to ascertain Number of bids received – **03:30 P.M. on 03.12.2025.**
4. Detailed Technical Evaluation by the Tender Evaluation Committee – Will be decided later
5. Financial Bid Opening - Those bidders who have Technically qualified will be informed.
6. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):- **Rs.2,00,000/-** per Region by online module.

For contact:
044 – 25665327 DIPR/5960/TENDER/2025

Additional Chief Electoral Officer & Additional Secretary to Government.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

IN LOVING MEMORY

Mrs. SETHU VARMA

Mrs. Sethu Varma (1940 – 2025), beloved wife of Late Shri N. K. Varma, passed away peacefully at her daughter's residence at Bangalore on 3 Nov 2025.

A woman of extraordinary grace, strength, and accomplishment, a gifted painter, entrepreneur, and seven-time Kerala State Women's Chess Champion.

She is deeply mourned by her children — Preethi & Mohan, Pramod & Sindhu, and Prabin & Aishwarya — and her cherished grandchildren Priyanka & Revanta, Arjun & Keerthana, Abhijeet, Anirudh, Ved & Dhruv.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

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IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES

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IN THE COURT OF THE HONBLE III ADDL. JUDGE FAMILY COURT AT BENGALURU
G & WC. NO. 326/2025

BETWEEN: 1. Miss. Indira Ranganathan, D/o Late T.S. Ranganathan, Aged about 69 years, **2. Ms. Girija Ranganathan,** D/o Late T.S. Ranganathan, Aged about 65 years, Both are R/at No.7405, 4th Floor, "Prestige Monte Carlo" Doddaballapur Main Road, Puttenahalli, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064 ... **PETITIONERS**
AND : NIL ... RESPONDENT
PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the Petitioners have filed the instant petition seeking for appointing the petitioners as the guardian of the wards i.e., Arundhati Seshadri, aged 4 years, Aaditri Seshadri, aged 3 years and Anshuman Seshadri, aged 3 years as such other relief.

As person interested or having claim regarding the guardianship of the minor children are hereby directed to appear in this court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on **09-12-2025** at 11:00 O Clock in the morning to show cause against the petition failing wherein the said application will be heard and determined as per law.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 28-10-2025

By order of the court, Senior Sheristedar, Family Court, Bangalore.

Sri. KESHAVAMURTHY .M, Advocate Office at No.308, 1st Floor, West Minister Building, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru-560052. Mob: 9035748084

IN THE COURT OF THE XXX ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-31)
O.S. No.6510/2023

BETWEEN:
MRS. SHAMILA M.
Wife of Mr. P. Balakrishna,
Aged about 57 years,
Residing at Flat No.101, Himagiri Homes, 18th B Main Road,
JP Nagar 2nd Phase,
Bengaluru - 560 078.
..... **PLAINTIFF**

AND:
M/S. H.V.S. CONSTRUCTIONS AND OTHERS .....**DEFENDANTS**
A Partnership firm Having its business at No.21 Cunningham Road
Bengaluru-560001
Represented by its Partner
Mr.H.S.Gopal

Summons to Defendant No.1

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT UNDER ORDER V RULE 20[1] OF CODE CIVIL PROCEDURE:

D-1. M/s. H.V.S. CONSTRUCTIONS
A Partnership firm Having its business at No.21 Cunningham Road, Bengaluru-560001, Represented by its Partner Mr.H.S.Gopal

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted a suit to pass Judgment and Decree for Declaration, to declare that the Plaintiff is the absolute owner and in uninterrupted peaceful possession of the Schedule Property; To order delivery of vacant possession of the Schedule Property to the Plaintiff; To declare the any and all conveyance/transfer deeds executed by Defendant Nos. 1 to 3 in favour of any third parties as invalid/void, non-est, illegal and not binding on the Plaintiff; and such other reliefs.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court OF THE XXX ADDITIONAL CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE(CCH-31) AT BENGALURU on the **27th day of November 2025 at 11.00 a.m** in person or through a advocate/pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit. Take notice that in default of your appearance or absence on the day above mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
SCHEDULE - A

Portion of land in Corporation Khatha No.400/1, (Matadahalli) in Corporation Division No.82, II Block, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore – 560 032, measuring East to West (291.50 + 230.25) / 2 ft. or 260.875 feet, North to South on the Eastern Side 146 ft. and on the Western side 184.166 feet measuring in all about 42290 sq. ft. and the property is bounded on:
East by : Properties belonging to Bangalore Development Authority
West by : Storm Water Drain
North by : Remaining portion of property belonging to owners
South by : Storm water drain

SCHEDULE - B

1170/107830th share of undivided right and interest in the Schedule-A property, undivided share measuring 455 sq. ft., given hereinabove and the residential apartment in the Third Floor in "B" Block of the construction named as "HVS PARKVIEW" (Apartment No.B33 in the third floor in Block 'B') measuring super built up area of 1170 sq.ft. carpet area including common areas, the residential flat consisting of Two Bedrooms, with one covered car parking space in the basement to be numbered as B33. The apartment having mosaic flooring with Honne wood doors and steel windows.

Given under my hand & seal of this court on this **30th Day of October 2025**

By Order of this Court
Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru
Advocate for Plaintiff
Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
Vir Anthony Britto
Advocates
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038

Place: Bengaluru Date: 30.10.2025

Six killed, 19 injured in road accidents in Andhra Pradesh

Two children sustained grievous injuries in the accident at Bapatla when a car collided with a lorry; in Anakappalli, two persons were killed and 17 injured in a van-autorikshaw collision

The Hindu Bureau
BAPATLA/ANAKAPALLI

Six persons died and 19 people, including two children, sustained grievous injuries in two separate vehicle collisions in Bapatla and Anakapalli districts of Andhra Pradesh on Monday.

In the incident near Satyavatipeta village in Karlapalem mandal of Bapatla district in the early hours of Monday, four persons died and two children, aged 11 and 12, sustained severe injuries in a car-lorry collision.

The deceased were identified as Bethalam Balarama Raju, 65, Bethalam Lakshmi, 60, Gadiraju Pushpavathi, 60, and Mudunuri Srinivasa Raju, 54, all residents of Karlapalem.

Fatal collision: A car rammed into a lorry near Bapatla in Andhra Pradesh in the early hours of Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

According to sources, the victims were returning home after attending the sangeet function of the son of MLA Narendra Varma. Police said the deceased were relatives of the wife of the legislator. The injured were shifted to a nearby hospital.

Bapatla Superintendent of Police B. Umamaheshwar told *The Hindu* that the preliminary investigation showed that the car, driven by one of the deceased, collided with the lorry coming from the opposite direction while overtaking another vehicle.

Four occupants of the car died on the spot. He added that once the post-mortem examination is completed, the bodies will be handed over to the family members. None in the lorry was injured.

In Anakapalli

Two persons died and 17 others sustained serious injuries in a van-autorickshaw collision on NH-16 near Kokkirapalli in Yelamanchili mandal. The deceased were identified as a 55-year-old man and a 64-year-old woman. According to sources, the vehicles were travelling from Anakapalli towards Payakaraopeta.

Forensic experts say drivers showed no signs of intoxication

Siddharth Kumar Singh
HYDERABAD

A majority of the 19 victims who died suffered fatal head injuries and multiple trauma

A majority of the 19 victims who died in the bus-truck collision near Mirjaguda-Khanapur road in Ranga Reddy district of Telangana on Monday suffered fatal head injuries and multiple trauma, according to forensic experts who conducted the post-mortem. Preliminary reports also revealed that there was no sign of intoxication in either drivers, they said.

A doctor, who was part of the medical team sent from Hyderabad to Chevella Community Health Centre, said, "90% of the victims suffered head injuries and multiple injuries. There was also an infant who is suspected to have died due to suffocation, although this can be confirmed only after the final report," the doctor said.

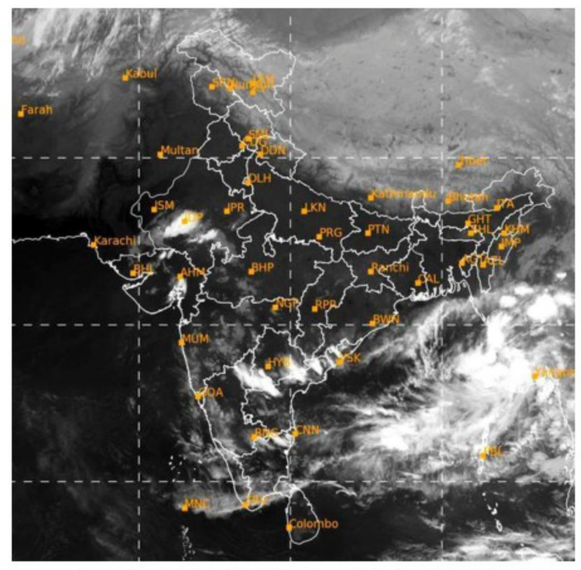
He confirmed that preliminary examinations revealed no sign of intoxication in either drivers, and this will be confirmed after the final toxicology results.

Others stable

Meanwhile, 14 injured individuals – eight men and six women – are undergoing treatment at Patnam Mahender Reddy Institute of Medical Sciences. "All the injured are in stable condition," said District Medical and Health Officer Venkateshwar Rao.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.45 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	30.6	24.2	Kozhikode	—	33.4	24.5
Ahmedabad	0.5	33.8	25.5	Kurnool	—	34.0	24.7
Aizawl	—	29.4	19.1	Lucknow	—	29.3	17.8
Allahabad	—	31.6	18.6	Madurai	—	37.6	23.5
Bengaluru	—	28.2	19.8	Mangaluru	—	30.4	23.0
Bhopal	—	30.4	20.8	Mumbai	1	31.1	25.1
Bhubaneswar	—	32.2	22.6	Mysuru	—	29.0	18.0
Chandigarh	—	30.5	15.4	New Delhi	—	31.5	17.2
Chennai	—	35.5	27.0	Patna	—	29.0	21.5
Coimbatore	—	33.2	21.2	Port Blair	0.4	30.6	25.6
Dehradun	—	30.0	15.6	Puducherry	—	33.2	26.4
Gangtok	5	18.7	14.5	Pune	—	31.8	23.4
Goa	—	31.5	23.5	Raipur	—	32.8	22.2
Guwahati	0.8	29.5	22.0	Ranchi	—	26.8	18.2
Hubballi	—	29.0	19.0	Shillong	—	21.2	14.2
Hyderabad	18	31.3	22.6	Shimla	—	25.0	13.4
Imphal	—	31.2	20.5	Srinagar	—	22.8	2.7
Jaipur	—	32.8	17.0	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.7	23.6
Kochi	—	30.2	23.6	Tiruchi	—	35.5	24.4
Kohima	—	25.6	17.8	Vijayawada	—	36.4	25.4
Kolkata	—	31.0	23.0	Visakhapatnam	5	33.4	25.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO₂	NO₂	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.20	..27	.77	34	52	
Bengaluru	..—	..25	113	60	98	
Chennai	...5	7	.43	52	...110	
Delhi	.15	119	108	...367	...337	
Hyderabad	.19	..16	.27	71	88	
Kolkata	...8	..18	.48	73	69	
Lucknow	...5	..44	.34	...256	...141	
Mumbai	..—	..65	.62	42	72	
Pune	..—	..42	.62	27	53	
Visakhapatnam	.12	..45	.12	73	.....—	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 486 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 12

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO₂: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

A.P., Hinduja Group ink pact for ₹20,000 crore investment

V. Raghavendra
VIJAYAWADA

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Hinduja Group for a cumulative investment of ₹20,000 crore, during his tour of the United Kingdom (U.K.) on Monday (November 3).

He said in a post on 'X' that these investments would accelerate the State's industrial and clean energy growth. The MoU was signed in the presence of Ashok P. Hinduja, chairperson of the Hinduja Group, Prakash Hinduja, chairperson of Hinduja Group Europe and Vivek Nanda, CEO of Hinduja Investments & Project Services Ltd.

Hinduja Group executives and State government officials exchanging copies of the MoU signed for investments in the presence of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu in London.

Key projects

The CM said the key initiatives under the MoU include expanding the existing 1,050 MW Hinduja National Power Corporation Ltd. (HNPCL) plant in Visakhapatnam by an additional 1,600 MW (2×800 MW), development of large solar and wind projects to strengthen A.P.'s clean energy capacity, setting up of a state-of-the-art electric bus and light vehicle plant to boost sustainable mobility and establishment of a network of EV charging stations to support the State's green transport ecosystem.

Mr. Chandrababu Naidu, in a separate meeting, called on Nikki Grady-Smith, group chief transformation officer of Rolls-Royce.

The duo discussed partnership opportunities in A.P., especially in civil aviation maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facilities and power systems for upcoming data centers, including both traditional power solutions and small modular reactors to ensure reliable and sustainable energy supply.

Orvakal potential

The CM also highlighted the potential for a military airstrip and an MRO unit at Orvakal and suggested exploring the possibility of establishing Global Capability Centers in Visakhapatnam and Tirupati and developing an aviation ecosystem and an MRO facility near Bhogapuram airport.

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA NIYAMITHA
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Executive Engineer, K.R.Sagara Division, K.R.Sagara
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO-11/2025-26
Dated:03.11.2025.

The Executive Engineer, K.R. Sagara Division, K.R.Sagara, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya Dist.on behalf of the Managing Director CNNL Mysore has **invited tender through e- procurement** https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in for "Improvements works to Pickup Canals and DPO Canals under CDS Main Canal in Srirangapatna taluk Mandya District.". and on EMD As per KPPP Portal. Any further information Or Clarification for the above said work including last date, opening date, Pre-bid meeting date, EMD, etc., can be obtained from above mentioned office during the office hours & from the above said website.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
K.R.Sagara Division, K.R.Sagara.

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Date: 03/11/2025

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION TENDERS

BWSSB invites Pre-Qualification Tenders vide number BWSSB/2025-26/PREQUAL_TENDER_NUMBER_4, published in the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP), for Loan Assistance to BWSSB – STP Constructions. The Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **12-11-2025.** The last date and time for submission of tender queries is **07-11-2025 at 17:00:00,** and the last date and time for receipt of Pre-Qualification Tenders is **20-11-2025 at 17:28:27.** The Pre-Qualification Bids will be opened on **24-11-2025 at 17:28:37.** The tender is published by user BWSSB_CE_WWMW_BNG on **31-10-2025**. Details can be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP), and complete information related to the Pre-Qualification Tenders process is available on the Government of Karnataka e-portal at the following link: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/prequal/tender/prequal/Search-prequal**

Sd/-
Financial Adviser &
Chief Accounts Officer, BWSSB
DIPR/CP/3562/Zen/2025-26

University Of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore
NAAC A' Accredited
Estate Office, Naik Bhavan, GKVK, Bengaluru-560 065.
No. EO/SPO/kppp/10/2025-26 Dated: 28-10-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Kpp Portal only)

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore has invited Tender in the prescribed form as per the Standard Tender Document KG-1 and KG-2, from the reputed firms for the procurement of Equipment's.

The Blank Tender Documents can be downloaded from **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Last date and time for uploading the tender on **10.11.2025 up to 4:00 p.m.** The Technical bid will be opened on **12.11.2025 at 10:30 a.m.** The Financial bid will be opened on **17.11.2025 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Tender Committee Room of Estate Office. Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned during working hours and also refer UAS **website: www.usabangalore.edu.in. Help Desk-91-8046010000, +91-8068948777, support@eprochelpdesk.com.** The University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

Sd/-
ESTATE OFFICER
DIPR/CP/RO3548/AAPL/2025-26

GREATER BENGALURU AUTHORITY
Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Greater Bengaluru Authority, N R Square, Annexe Building - 3, Bengaluru
No: DCF/PR-215/2025-26 **Date: 03.11.2025**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the Citizens of Bengaluru that the General Manager, SEMU. KRIDE, has submitted an application to the undersigned for removal of trees standing between the stretch extending from Ambedkar Nagar Metro Station and Muddenahalli Line Cross, for their additional project of Corridor-04, Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project (BSRP), Further the KRIDE Authorities have stated that the earlier applications did not include trees for construction of 09 stations and Foot Over Bride. The details are given below:

Name of the project	Construction of Foot Over Bridges (FOB) and 09 Stations viz.Jakkur Railway Station, RK Hegde Railway Station, Thanisandra Railway Station, Hennur Railway station, Horamavu Railway station, Channasndra Railway station, Kaggadasapura Railway station, Doddanekundi Railway station and Marathalli Railway station,			
Name of the Agency	Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited, Bengaluru			
Purpose for removal of trees	The trees are coming within the Project area of Corridor 04. BSRP for Construction of Foot Over Bridges (FOB) and 09 Stations			
Description of the area with clear demarcation of boundaries or with GPS Coordinates	**Bou-ndary**	**Latitude (N)**	**Longitude (E)**	**Location**
	1 2	13.078494 13.078877	77.610388 77.611104	1) Jakkur Railway Station
	1 2	13.068632 13.067833	77.621970 77.622954	2) RK Hegde Railway Station
	1 2	13.058756 13.059294	77.632994 77.632931	3) Thanisandra Railway Station
	1 2	13.038259 13.037361	77.648971 77.649724	4) Hennur Railway Station
	1 2	13.024161 13.024690	77.660007 77.659581	5) Horamavu Railway Station
	1 2	13.011839 13.008530	77.662605 77.662876	6) Channasandra Railway Station
	1 2	12.984296 12.984783	77.678327 77.677475	7) Kaggadasapura Railway Station
	1 2	12.974061 12.975576	77.697113 77.694394	8) Doddanekundi Railway Station
	1 2	12.956236 12.956048	77.705213 77.705014	9) Marathalli Railway Station
Enumeration of trees • Total Number of trees standing in the project area	257 Nos (Annexure-1)	Description of Trees, Species, Location, Area, etc., are uploaded in the website of GBA for information of all **(www.bbmp.gov.in)**		
Mode of communication of comments* *(Public can send their comments either by E-mail / Post / Hand)*	**Address:** a. The Deputy Conservator of Forests & Tree Officer, GBA, N.R. Sqaure, Bengaluru -02 **E-mail ID: dcfbbmp12@gmail.com** b. The GM, SEMU, KRIDE, Bengaluru., **E-mail ID: gmsemu@kride.in** # A Copy of the Comments communicated directly to GM, SEMU,should also be marked to the Tree-Officer/DCF, GBA			
Deadline for Filling Objections	Ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notification in Newspaper ***Objections/Comments/Suggestions should be relevant and specific to the project**			

In view of the above, the suggestions/objections/comments are invited from citizens under Section 8 (3) (vii) of the Karnataka Preservation of Tree Act, 1976.

Sd/- Tree Officer
& Deputy Conservator of Forests, GBA Bengaluru

KARNATAKA NEERAVRI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the, Executive Engineer, KNNL, TLBC Division No. 3, Sindhanur-584128.
No.: KNNL/EE-3/TS/Consultancy/Tender/2025-26/ 1443 Date: 03.11.2025.

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement only)

Tender in electronic mode on "Lumpsum Tenders" are invited from the eligible Firm/ company with the Register of Companies of Karnataka state who fulfill the given conditions, for Two Consultancy works. The tender shall be offered through e-procurement system only and will be in two cover system. Last date for submission of tender through electronic tender is Dt: 12.11.2025 up to 16.00 Hrs. The amount put to tender for Rs. 79.22 Lakhs and Rs. 29.48 Lakhs. The EMD amount for Rs. 158500.00 and Rs. 59000.00 respectively.

The tender conditions and other information can be obtained from this office during office hours or through website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/ portal-home.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIP/RCR/501/KSMCA/502/2025-26 **KNNL, TLBC Division No.3, Sindhanur-584128.**

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Deputy General Manager-1,BSWML, 1st Floor, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 052.
No: DGM-1/BSWML/TEND/10/2025-26 **Date: 03.11.2025**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through GOK KPP Portal Only)

The Deputy General Manager-1, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru invites bids from eligible bidders for the works mentioned in the below table.

Sl. No.	Package Name	Approx. Amount put to bid (Rs. in crores Including GST)	EMD (in Rs.)	Stipulated Completion Period (Including Monsoon Period)
1	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Material Recovery Facility having sorting, shredding, baling & storage system for handling a minimum 200 TPD of Dry Waste at **Doddabidarakallu** Plant under BBMP jurisdiction. **(Package –P1)** on own design build & transfer basis.(DBT) Call-2.	**28.39**	**28,39,000/-**	12 Months
2	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Material Recovery Facility having sorting, shredding, baling & storage system for handling a minimum 200 TPD of Dry Waste at **Subbarayanapalya** Plant under BBMP jurisdiction. **(Package –P2)** on own design build & transfer basis.(DBT) Call-2.	**20.69**	**20,69,000/-**	12 Months
3	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Material Recovery Facility having sorting, shredding, baling & storage system for handling a minimum 826 TPD of Dry Waste at **Tarahunase** under BBMP jurisdiction. **(Package –P3)** on own design build & transfer basis. (DBT) Call-2.	**76.44**	**76,44,000/-**	12 Months

1) Last date to upload pre-bid queries in KPP portal : **10.11.2025 before 16.00 hrs. 2)** Tender Pre- Bid meeting:**11.11.2025 at 15:00 hrs** at above mentioned office. **3)** Last Date of Receipt of Tender: **20.11.2025 upto 16:00 hrs. 4)** Opening of Technical Bid: **21.11.2025 at 16:30 hrs.** More details can be downloaded from website - **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/JA/3561/2025-26 **Deputy General Manager-1, BSWML**

Women's world

The World Cup win came after a long struggle on and off the field

At the midnight hour on a magical Sunday, Harmanpreet Kaur and her incredible women made their tryst with destiny. India was finally crowned world champions in women's cricket. It was a journey marked by a long history of angst and joy, shaped by the sweat and dreams of pioneers such as Shantha Rangaswamy, Diana Edulji, Mithali Raj, and Jhulan Goswami. In a high-stakes final befitting an ICC World Cup, India prevailed over South Africa by 52 runs at Navi Mumbai's D.Y. Patil Stadium, which turned into a teeming mass of raucous energy. This moment is as epochal as it was for Kapil Dev and his men in 1983 when they seized the World Cup at Lord's. That caused a seismic shift in the way cricket was perceived and administered and paved the way for India to become a commercial behemoth. A similar turn of events awaits Harmanpreet and company, and women's cricket at large. The coach, Amol Muzumdar, too had his moment. A domestic giant, he never got a chance to play for the senior men's team as his career ran parallel to the likes of Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid. Harmanpreet's feisty women ensured that their mentor finally understood what it means to prosper at the highest level.

Having faltered in the 2005 and 2017 World Cup finals, India also had to contend with the pressure of playing at home. When three league matches were lost on the trot against South Africa, Australia, and England, the knives were out on social media. Still, the team persevered and every game produced a new star – Pratika Rawal, for instance. In the final, Shafali Verma and Deepti Sharma turned in an all-round show, while Smriti Mandhana was as solid as ever. Earlier, the turn towards glory happened in the semifinal when Jemimah Rodrigues anchored an astounding chase against defending champions Australia. Her unbeaten 127 is one of the greatest knocks in Indian cricketing history. If India performed the giant killing act towards the climactic phase, so too did South Africa, as England discovered in the semifinal. In skipper Laura Wolvaardt, the Proteas have a splendid batter and her two tons in the semifinal and final were high on class and pugnacity. But the biggest takeaway is this: Indian women have found their place on cricket's biggest stage.

A Kerala story

Eradicating poverty should be seen as a never-ending task

Kerala, known for its exemplary record in social and human development, and for healthcare systems comparable to those of developed nations, achieved another milestone on its 69th formation day, on November 1 – the eradication of extreme poverty. This resulted from a four-year, meticulously planned programme involving a gamut of agencies, spearheaded by the local self-government department, alongside extensive community participation. It was during the first Cabinet meeting of the second LDF government led by Pinarayi Vijayan in May 2021 that the Extreme Poverty Eradication Programme (EPEP) was launched. Successive State governments deserve credit for Kerala's people-centric development and decentralised planning, which ensured that poverty reduced from 59.8% in 1973-74 to 11.3% in 2011-12. NITI Aayog's National Multidimensional Poverty Index (2023) stated that Kerala was the least impoverished State, based on the headcount ratio. Just 0.55% of Kerala's population was multidimensionally poor – far below the national average of 14.96%. Instead of relying on self-enrolment, the government deployed nearly 4 lakh trained enumerators, supported by a robust local body system and Kudumbashree workers, to identify the abjectly poor. After several levels of vetting, 64,006 extremely poor families – comprising 1,03,099 individuals, many lacking basic documents – were identified based on the four-point criteria of access to food, health, means of livelihood, and housing. A uniform solution was inadequate for such diverse needs, necessitating an experiment in welfare governance: the preparation of custom-made micro plans for each identified family and the provision of essential support such as identification documents, housing, livelihoods, regular medicine, cooked meals, palliative care and, in some cases, organ transplants.

Combating poverty is a never-ending task and criticism of the claim of erasing extreme poverty – particularly regarding the plight of the tribal population – is inescapable. The State government has launched EPEP 2.0 to prevent relapse and to ensure that no new household falls into extreme poverty. The LDF has pledged to tackle all forms of poverty in mission mode. Critics of the 'Kerala Model' have often cited stagnant growth and rising unemployment as evidence of its perceived failure. The State has accelerated major infrastructure projects and high-tech green industries to bridge the deficit in these areas. It has also been skilling the educated to alleviate joblessness. The EPEP shows that progressive governance can be rooted in welfarism and growth simultaneously, without compromising social safety or sustainability. The largely community-driven model may not be flawless, but it is self-evolving and strengthens democracy at the grassroots. It presents an alternative development paradigm – a Kerala story worth propagating.

India's IT dream is at a crossroads

Shashi Tharoor

Member of Parliament for the Thiruvananthapuram constituency in the Lok Sabha and Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs

For nearly three decades, India's Information Technology (IT) sector has been the crown jewel of the country's economic transformation – a symbol of upward mobility, global relevance, and middle-class aspiration. Though the IT industry recruits only about 1% of the Indian workforce, it contributes about 7% of the country's GDP. Young engineers from Tier-II towns once saw a job at Infosys or Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) as a passport to prosperity. But today, that dream is flickering. With TCS announcing its steepest-ever layoffs – nearly 20,000 jobs shed in a single quarter– and other companies quietly following suit, the question arises: Is IT no longer the golden calf for aspiring tech professionals?

A profound metamorphosis

The answer is complex. India's IT sector is not collapsing, but it is undergoing a profound metamorphosis – one that demands urgent attention, strategic recalibration, and a renewed commitment to future-ready skills. The 'Layoff Wave' is a symptom of structural change in the industry. It is happening in the U.S. too: Amazon has announced it would reduce its corporate workforce by 14,000, thanks to deployment of AI. Meta is laying off 8,000. In India, TCS's decision to cut 3.2% of its workforce, primarily targeting mid- and senior-level roles, is not an isolated event: other IT majors are doing similar things. Industry estimates suggest that over 50,000 IT jobs may be lost by the end of the fiscal year. IT insiders say these are not likely to be mass firings in the traditional sense, but 'silent layoffs' – performance-linked exits, voluntary resignations, and delayed promotions that quietly trim the workforce without triggering headlines.

The reasons are manifold. First, AI-driven automation is reshaping the very nature of IT work. Routine tasks – reporting, coordination, basic coding – are increasingly handled by algorithms. The advent of models from companies such as OpenAI and Anthropic, alongside the rise of Agentic AI – autonomous systems capable of reasoning and executing multi-step tasks, is fundamentally disrupting India's IT services sector by automating routine work, drastically improving developer productivity, and shifting the industry's focus towards high-value, AI-driven digital transformation. While AI can never replicate human beings' capacity for empathy or emotion, these tasks do not require such qualities and can be performed without human intervention.

Second, U.S. immigration policies have grown more restrictive, with the hike in H-1B visa fees and tariff threats prompting Indian firms to localise their overseas workforce. Indian IT firms simply cannot pay $100,000 to get a low- or mid-level professional to the U.S. to execute tasks that would not rake in such a level of profit.

Third, client budgets are tightening, especially in the U.S. and Europe, where economic uncertainty has led to cautious IT spending. In short, the outsourcing model that once relied on scale and cost arbitrage is being replaced by one that prizes specialised expertise, lean teams, and AI fluency.

> The Indian IT story is not ending – it is evolving. The transition will undoubtedly be painful. But it can also be purposeful

The end of the Assembly line

India's IT sector was built on the back of a simple promise: hire thousands of engineers, train them in basic coding, and deploy them to serve global clients. It was a digital assembly line – efficient, scalable, and profitable. But that model is now – let us be blunt – obsolete.

Today's clients don't want armies of coders; they want solutions. They want cloud-native architectures, cybersecurity frameworks, generative AI integrations. They want fewer people who can do more. And they want them fast. This shift has exposed a skill mismatch in the Indian IT workforce. Many mid-career professionals, promoted for managerial ability rather than technical depth, now find themselves ill-equipped for the new demands. Legacy skills – SAP ECC, mainframes, non-cloud platforms – are less relevant. To take just one example: SAP ECC (SAP ERP Central Component) is the core of SAP's traditional enterprise resource planning (ERP) software suite, the digital backbone that helps large organisations manage their day-to-day business operations across departments. Today AI can replicate the skills needed to operate it. Mastery of that component is no longer such an indispensable asset in an IT professional. The question arises: fine, but what else can you do?

The result is a painful churn: experienced workers being let go, fresh graduates struggling to find entry points, and companies scrambling to retrain their staff. In the face of this rapid technological shift, the government should consider requiring IT companies engaging in mass layoffs to provide a mandatory 6-9 months' salary as a compensation package, offering a crucial safety net for workers suddenly losing their livelihoods and needing to secure new skills for the evolving job market.

And yet, all is not lost for our IT sector. India's tech proficiency still commands global respect. It contributes over $280 billion to the economy, employs nearly 6 million people, and powers digital transformation across industries. But the sheen of guaranteed success – the idea that a tech degree equals a stable career – is fading. For young professionals, the path is no longer linear. A computer science degree is not enough. One must master AI, data science, cloud computing, and cybersecurity – and keep learning. The days of coasting on basic Java or .NET (or even SAP ECC) are over.

From retrenchment to reinvention

So, what can we do? If India wants to retain its IT edge, it must act on multiple fronts. For policymakers, the challenge is to reimagine skilling. India's engineering colleges must overhaul their curricula. Government programmes must incentivise AI literacy, not just digital literacy. And industry must invest in reskilling, not just recruitment.

The first obvious task is AI 'upskilling' on a very large scale. TCS has already upskilled over 550,000 employees in basic AI skills and 100,000 in advanced ones. This must become the norm, not the exception. Public-private partnerships can accelerate this effort.

Along with this, the need for urgent curriculum reform is imperative. Engineering education must move beyond rote coding. Courses in machine learning, ethics in AI, and product thinking should be mainstream. Soft skills – communication, collaboration, critical thinking – are equally vital.

Our startup ecosystem will need greater support from the government and from venture capitalists. India's tech future lies not just in services but in products. Supporting AI startups, deep-tech ventures, and innovation hubs can create new jobs and diversify the sector. The government must engage with global partners to ensure visa access, data sovereignty, and trade stability. Protectionism abroad must be matched with policy clarity at home.

For those laid off or displaced in the current churn, severance pay is not enough. They will need career transition support, mental health resources, and retraining subsidies. The Indian IT industry has never felt the need for social safety nets before, but the time for them is now.

The Indian IT story is not ending – it is evolving. From manpower to mindpower, from outsourcing to innovation, from quantity to quality, this change is challenging but unavoidable. The transition will undoubtedly be painful. But it can also be purposeful.

We must stop measuring success by headcount alone. It is no longer about the number of bright Indians employed in IT. Instead, let us ask: Are we building solutions that matter? Are we empowering workers to thrive in the AI age? Are we telling a story of resilience, reinvention, and relevance? I asked friends in the know if the bloom is off India's IT rose. Their answers suggest that the rose may have lost some petals, but its roots are deep, and its bloom can return – if we nurture, water and fertilise it with vision, skill, and courage. This will need policy leadership. But there is no reason yet to lose hope.

The case for energy efficiency

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India has doubled down on clean energy, yet the power you plug into today is dirtier than it was five years ago. This is a paradox that is at the heart of our energy transition.

As of June 2025, non-fossil fuel sources account for about 50% of India's total installed capacity. However, India's grid emission factor (GEF) – a measure of the carbon intensity of electricity – has increased from 0.703 tCO_2/MWh in 2020-21 to 0.727 tCO_2/MWh in 2023-24, according to the Central Electricity Authority. This is a striking reversal: more renewables should mean a cleaner grid. Why is India's grid getting dirtier instead?

The capacity-generation mismatch

The answer lies in the distinction between capacity and generation. While renewables now account for a large share of installed capacity, they deliver far less electricity over the year compared to coal or nuclear. Solar and wind plants typically run at 15-25% capacity utilisation, versus 65-90% for coal and nuclear.

In 2023-24, renewables (including hydro) supplied just 22% of total electricity; the rest was fossil fuel-powered. The gap between headline capacity and actual delivered energy is widening, and India's fast-growing demand is being met by the most carbon-intensive source in the system: coal.

India's electricity demand also peaks when renewables are least available. Solar floods the grid in the afternoon but fades by evening, just as peak loads from households surge. Fossil fuel plants, therefore, act as the system's shock absorbers – dispatched to meet night-time and peak demand – but they also lock in emissions.

This temporal mismatch highlights the limits of capacity expansion alone. To truly decarbonise, India needs flexibility along with more gigawatts. While Round-the-Clock (RTC) renewable electricity, at less than ₹5 per kWh, costs less than new coal-based power stations, upscaling is slow. We need policies that enable more land, transmission lines, and investment.

> If India wants to actually decarbonise its grid, efficiency must become the first fuel – and flexibility, not fossil fuels, must power the future

The role of energy efficiency

Energy efficiency provides the opportunity. Often called the "first fuel", it reduces demand before supply even needs to be generated. By lowering the evening and night-time peaks, efficiency reduces reliance on coal when emissions are highest. Scaling up efficient appliances – fans, air conditioners, and motors – and embedding efficiency in buildings and industrial processes can reshape this curve.

The benefits extend beyond reduced coal consumption and enhanced opportunity for integrating renewables. Energy efficiency enhances flexibility by flattening demand peaks and allowing demand to align with renewable availability. It also prevents lock-in by replacing old, inefficient technologies early.

Energy efficiency is invisible by design – diffuse, distributed, and cumulative. Yet, without it, the energy transition cannot be achieved. Concrete evidence from the Bureau of Energy Efficiency shows that India saved about 200 Million Tonnes of Oil Equivalent of final energy, equivalent to around 1.29 GT of CO2eq, and close to ₹760,000 crore in savings, from FY2017-18 to FY2022-23.

India is not alone, but its pathway is unique. Countries such as France, Norway, and Sweden boast grid emission factors of just 0.1-0.2 tCO_2/MWh, largely thanks to large shares of hydro and nuclear electricity. India, at 0.727, starts from a coal-heavy base and faces relentless demand growth. This makes efficiency part of the core strategy, not just an option. Without it, renewables risk being stranded in the wrong hours.

What needs to be done

To unlock the full value of clean energy, India must urgently do the following. First, it must enable homes and offices to connect their batteries into virtual power plants, helping the grid glide over the peak demand. Second, it must accelerate appliance efficiency standards. It must move markets towards 4- and 5-star products and steadily raise benchmarks. Third, it must support small and medium enterprises to adopt efficient motors, pumps, and processes. Fourth, it must enable flexible pricing by adopting tariff structures that reward consumers for shifting demand to periods of high renewable availability. Fifth, it must introduce scrappage incentives for old, energy-guzzling equipment. Sixth, it must enable electricity distribution companies to procure "electricity services", such as green cooling, which allows for high-efficiency air conditioning powered by RTC clean power.

The Central Electricity Authority's National Electricity Plan projects a fall in India's GEF to 0.548 by 2026-27, and 0.430 by 2031-32. Achieving this requires more than just building solar and wind farms. It demands a flexible system approach - with efficiency at the centre.

India has grown its economy while cutting emissions intensity by 33% between 2005 and 2019, as noted in its Fourth Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC. But the rising GEF calls for a balanced approach: accelerate supply-side investments in renewables, storage, and transmission, while embedding efficiency across households, industries, and cities. If India wants to actually decarbonise its grid, efficiency must become the first fuel – and flexibility, not fossil fuels, must power the future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Historic feat

India's victory has filled every Indian's heart with pride ("Indian women script history, win World Cup", November 3). This was more than just a sporting moment — it was history in the making. For years, the 2017 tournament was a reminder of what could have been. This victory finally feels like the closure we were all waiting for — a story of persistence paying off. What makes it even more special is the journey behind it — the gradual push for equality, better match fees, and the rise of the Women's Premier League. It is heartening to see that the efforts of pioneers such as Mithali Raj and Jhulan Goswami have borne fruit. This victory will inspire a generation of girls to dream bigger, pick up the bat or ball, and believe that they too can create history.

Pavithra M.
Trichy

Led by Harmanpreet Kaur, the women in blue now have their own 1983 moment. It wasn't a perfect tournament, with India losing three consecutive matches in the group stage, but credit goes to the players for staging a spirited fightback when it mattered the most. Jemimah Rodrigues's innings of a lifetime in the semi-final will be remembered for a long time, much like Kapil Dev's iconic 175 in 1983, while key contributions from Smriti Mandhana and Deepti Sharma were also crucial in India's successful run.

Sarthak Jain
Gurugram

Harmanpreet Kaur's leadership and Shafali Verma's fearless batting have redefined what sporting glory looks like. This victory should spark lasting change, more investment, visibility, and respect for women's sports. It is time every girl in India knows that cricket isn't "his" game any more, it's ours too.

Pragya Paliwal
Punjab

This victory will inspire women across the country to pick up a sport and believe that they can excel in it. It also sends a message to oppressive regimes such as the Taliban that empowering women is key to national progress and pride.

R.S. Narula
Patiala

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Zohran's NYC race recasts U.S. politics

Rohit Tripathi
Principal, VU Capital (Strategy Consulting)

It was Zohran Mamdani's campaign ad in Hindi with him explaining rank-choice voting in the Democratic primary for the New York City mayoral race that caught my attention earlier in the year.

Not to mention, he explained the electoral system using 3 cups of mango lassi!

While his electrifying media campaign has catapulted him, it was the background work that the campaign did that truly made me sit up - he started with talking to Trump voters instead of seeking approval of wealthy donors. The campaign is rewriting the playbook for how political entrepreneurs run for office in real-time.

The New York City mayoral race has provided a surprising but a much-needed inflection point in American politics. It seems to be architecting a generationally distinct political identity that could enrich political competition rooted in ideas for the future, a genuine desire to solve problems, and a commitment to build a stronger union that is much needed.

Mr. Mamdani's victory in the primary and his most likely win in the general election will stand on the support of working class people - both young and middle-aged. His platform of affordability while holding on to his socio-political convictions directly challenges the politically baffling stance of his own party's leadership. While American progressives (not "centrist" Democrats) have closed ranks behind Mr. Mamdani, surprisingly, on the affordability question, he has also captured some attention from significant representatives of the American right - Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene and Tucker Carlson, early MAGA (Make America Great Again) luminaries.

His messages of affordability seem to bring together the working class right and the left. The working class's drift away from the established left started with the 2016 Presidential election (from being evenly split in 2012 to giving Mr. Trump a decisive edge). The gap narrowed somewhat in 2020 because of Joe Biden's pro-labour image but widened again in 2024 against Kamala Harris. Senate minority leader Chuck Schumer once said that for every working class voter the Democratic Party loses, it gains two suburban, moderate Republicans; encapsulating this self-defeating drift

Focusing on the economic throughline, data from the Census and the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that since 2000, the American median income has grown only by 7%, while the consumer price index has jumped 60% - reflecting an entire generation of economic immobility. About 40% of children in the U.S. are born on Medicaid, the insurance programme for low-income families, meaning almost half of all the newborns start life in functional poverty. This has been the trend for at least a decade under both Democratic and Republican administrations.

Economic anxiety

The middle class is not faring any better. Massive college debt with no real employment prospects is crushing new and recent graduates. The aspirations of owning a home, starting families and someday retiring are fast fading into folklore. The resulting social dysfunction is manifesting in troubling ways among the youth - women are more educated and lean progressive whereas young men have increasingly lower college enrolment dampening their economic prospects and making them more vulnerable to extreme views and isolation.

Mr. Mamdani seems to have bucked this trend during the campaign. So, there may be some hope here to bring back young men into the political fold. But overall, there is an undercurrent coming to surface across political persuasions, religious and racial identities, and everything else that political systems use to divide people. And that undercurrent is of economic anxiety. The broader economic structure is increasingly seen as oligarchic by most working class people and is giving room for someone like Mr. Mamdani, who identifies himself as a Democratic Socialist. Senator Bernie Sanders and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez have had a strong showing of their oligarchy tour even in Republican States.

Voter discontent

A recent *Washington Post-ABC* poll shows 7 out of 10 Americans say Democrats are "out-of-touch", but also shows 6 out of 10 Americans feel the same way about Republicans and President Donald Trump; expect political insurgents on both sides. Tying this back to the New York City race, while rent control and free buses may be local issues, the broader affordability theme it underscores is inescapable. We could see an interesting convergence among Republicans and Democrats when it comes to the issue of affordability.

The administration's attempts to resurrect the decimated working class has manifested in unstable tariff prescriptions making middle-class small businesses (accounting for 40% of GDP) and their employees (constituting 46% of the labour force) especially vulnerable. The Presidential election may have indeed been run on immigration and "woke" issues, but cultural polarisation is now getting superseded by the financial fragility of American families. With the U.S. Congress deadlocked on government funding, these economic anxieties are only rising.

One thing, however, is getting clear—the one word that pundits and the broader political ecosystem avoids like the plague is increasingly the lens through which to see things—class. The margin of Mr. Mamdani's victory on Tuesday will mark an important milestone in this imminent re-architecting of American political thinking.

The New York City mayoral race seems to be architecting a generationally distinct political identity that could enrich political competition rooted in ideas for the future

New pathways to end extreme poverty

Kerala's participatory model offers lessons for the world

STATE OF PLAY

Jiju P. Alex

The Extreme Poverty Eradication Programme (EPEP), by the Government of Kerala, has redefined the notion of State interventions aimed at alleviating poverty, and it has the potential to evolve into a global model.

Most importantly, it highlights a new approach to identifying and addressing deprivation. Apart from nearly achieving the first and second Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), it also demonstrates how poverty can be eliminated in a participatory manner by involving local governments, the community and development agencies, with consistent follow-up.

Kerala's approach to poverty reduction differed from the country's traditional poverty alleviation programmes. The long-enacted policies for land reforms, universal primary education, and public distribution would have a lasting impact on the livelihood security of its people.

Furthermore, democratic decentralisation enabled local governments to implement numerous local-level projects. Along with this, Kudumbashree emerged as a pioneering model of the self-help group (SHG) networks in India, particularly for its scale and approach to poverty eradication and women's empowerment.

The incidence of poverty in the State was 59.74% in 1973-74, which reduced to 11.3% in 2011-12. According to the NITI Aayog, Kerala is now the least impoverished State, with a Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) of 0.55 per cent in 2019-21, a decrease from 0.70% in 2015-16. Despite this

achievement, there were still islands of extreme poverty in the State, which required customised assistance, based on a deeper understanding of its causes.

Following the MPI framework, the factors contributing to extreme poverty were identified through a participatory process. Poor health conditions, disability, old age, a lack of entitlements, food, land, shelter, employment, facilities, and Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) in children were considered severe distress factors. The historical deprivation of the marginalised sectors of society, such as SC, ST, and fishermen and the social deprivation of HIV-affected persons, orphans, urban poor, and the LGBTQIA, were also identified.

Impoverished households were selected through surveys conducted by a team of volunteers from Kudumbashree, people's representatives, officials, and residents, led by the local governments.

Around 1,18,309 poor households were scrutinised through a participatory nomination process from wards and divisions, from which 87,158 were shortlisted as recommended by the local governments. Subsequently, they were interviewed using a mobile application, and a priority list of 73,747 households was prepared. The Grama Sabhas further scrutinised this priority list for another round of eliminating ineligible households, resulting in the final list of 64,006 extremely poor families.

The most innovative feature of EPEP is the creation of customised micro-plans for each identified household, moving away from a one-size-fits-all welfare model. The programme unfolded in three distinct stages: the immediate care plan, the intermediate plan, and the long-term plan.

While the immediate care plan addressed urgent requirements such as food, medical care, and entitlement documents for social security, the intermediate plan focused on providing transitional support to improve living conditions and ensure self-reliance, like temporary housing. The long-term plans focused on establishing livelihoods or securing permanent shelter, among other objectives. The process was monitored by a Management Information System (MIS) to ensure timely delivery and accountability.

The EPEP has unequivocally demonstrated a plausible and highly effective pathway to eradicate extreme poverty by using the principles of multidimensional poverty and leveraging decentralised governance. What next?

Sustaining this effort warrants continuous monitoring to ensure that these households do not return to extreme poverty. The current system of interdepartmental coordination offers immense potential for detecting early warning signals of deprivation from vulnerable households. A dedicated institutional mechanism is required to sustain this achievement and showcase this model as a lasting solution.

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Student inflows into traditional destinations decline

International enrolments in U.K., U.S., Canada and Australia slumped in 2024

DATA POINT

The Hindu Data Team

Due to the admission slump during the COVID-19 years (2020-21), colleges in the U.K., the U.S., Canada, and Australia saw a surge in international student enrolments in the post-pandemic years (2022-23). This created several challenges in the host countries, including locals being priced out of the housing market. This led governments to curtail the inflow of students, causing a significant fall in international enrolments in 2024.

In contrast, many countries—especially Germany, France, Japan, South Korea, and Spain—did not follow this trend, with student inflows continuing to rise or at least remaining steady in 2024 as well. **(Chart 1)** Still, the U.K., the U.S., Canada, and Australia continue to host a bulk of the students.

The discernible shift in the choice of countries—whether forced or voluntary—occurs even as more Indian students choose education abroad. Between 2014 and 2023, the number of Indian students abroad grew from 172,000 to 707,000—a rise of over 310%. Chinese student numbers grew by just 19%, from 704,000 to 842,000. **(Chart 2)**

The share of Indian students in the U.K. rose from 11% in 2019 to about 22% in 2024, while the share of Chinese students dropped to 25% from over 40%.

In the U.S., the Indian share climbed from around 12% to nearly 20%, while the Chinese share dropped from over 30% to 23%. Canada saw a further increase in its already high share of Indian students, but both Indian and Chinese shares fell in Australia. **(Chart 3)**

Across the 27 EU countries, plus Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein, Indian students in 2024 outnumbered the Chinese, flipping the pattern from 2019.

Global students rerouted

The charts were sourced from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)'s International Migration Outlook 2025 published on November 3, 2025. This publication constitutes the 49th report of the OECD's Continuous Reporting System on Migration

Chart 1: International student inflows to OECD countries, 2014-2024 **(in thousands)**

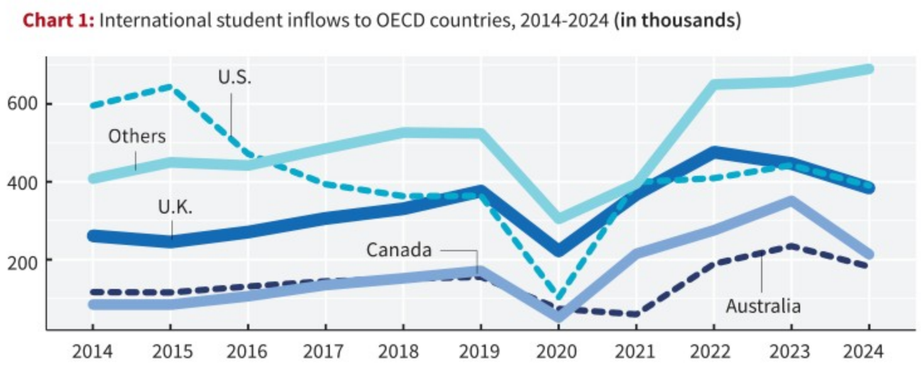


Chart 2: Top 20 nationalities of international tertiary-level students enrolled in OECD countries, 2014 and 2023 **(in thousands)** 2014 2023

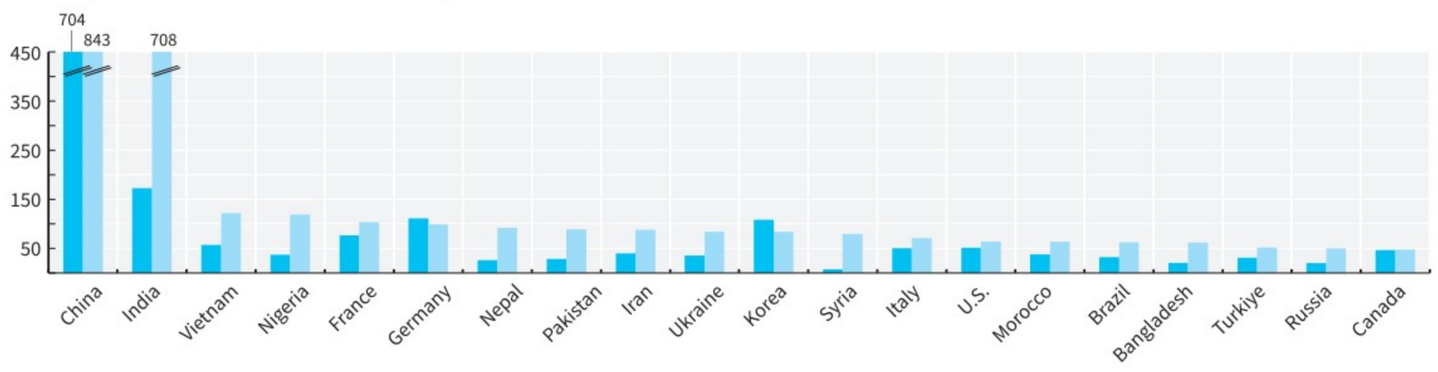
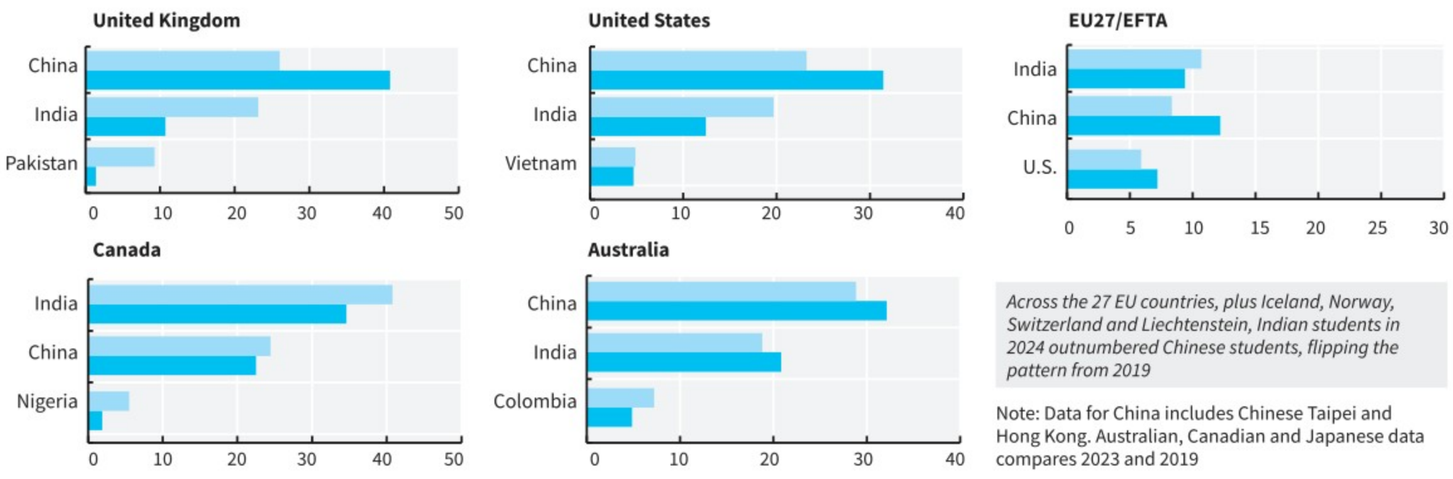


Chart 3: Inflows of international students by nationality to select OECD countries **(as a % of total inflows)** 2024 2019



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Note: Data for China includes Chinese Taipei and Hong Kong. Australian, Canadian and Japanese data compares 2023 and 2019

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 4, 1975

Armyman takes over power in Bangladesh coup

NEW DELHI, Nov. 3: The Garrison Commander of Dacca took over as President of Bangladesh to-day following the overthrow of the 11-week old regime headed by Khandakar Moshtaque Ahmed in what appeared to be a peaceful transition, according to diplomatic sources.

The name of the new Chief of state was given as Brigadier Khalid Musharaf. Mr. Moshtaque Ahmed had pledged his loyalty to the new regime, these sources said.

Diplomatic sources here said unconfirmed reports indicated that Bangladesh's new strongman was Brigadier Khalid Musharaf, Chief of the Army General Staff.

Mr. Moshtaque Ahmed was swept to power in the August 15 military coup, in which Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and several members of his family, including his wife, were brutally gunned down at his residence.

Bangladesh remained cut off from the rest of the world since early morning. Dacca Airport was closed to traffic and radio Bangladesh was off the air. Simultaneously all telecommunication, satellite and wireless links were also severed.

Western news media reported at night that troops had surrounded the Presidential Palace and occupied strategic points in Dacca.

Radio Bangladesh resumed its broadcast around 19-300 hours , but made no mention of the domestic developments.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 4, 1925

The Tibetan Expedition

Discovery of valuable historic remains
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MOSCOW, Nov. 3: Part of Col. Kozloff's Tibetan Expedition led by Prof. Gragoloff recently crossed Mongolia in a southerly direction, entered Chinese territory, made its way into the Gobi desert and visited the famous Dead City of Kharakhoto, where it carried out excavations.

Another portion of the same Expedition, which is working in the unexplored districts of Hangoy Range, south-west of Urga, reports the discovery of valuable historical remains, including some of the ancient Mongolian and Manchurian characters.

From Page One

19 dead as gravel truck ploughs into govt. bus

The doctor further said the hospital received five to eight bodies for post-mortem every two months due to road accidents. "In this incident, a majority of the fatalities was caused by asphyxiation rather than the impact of the collision. The road needs to be widened and potholes fixed," the doctor added.

The senior Cyberabad Police officer said there were no CCTV cameras or direct eyewitnesses to confirm the sequence of events. Additional Director-General of Police (ADGP) Mahesh Bhagwat, who visited the site, said a survivor told the police that the lorry driver, Akash Danya Kamle, 24, from Kandhar in Maharashtra, had been driving continuously without sufficient rest. "An ACP-rank officer is heading the investigation," he said.

The lorry had two pending challans for no-entry violations. The police were investigating whether the vehicle was overloaded or speeding at the time of the crash.

Cyberabad Police Commissioner Avinash Mohanty said that fixing responsibility would take time as both drivers had died.

SIR of poll rolls begins in 12 States, UTs today

The poll body took this decision after it found in Bihar that a substantial number of voters could be traced to the electoral rolls prepared after the preceding SIR.

Secondly, prior to the announcement of the SIR, the poll body had begun the process of matching the current voters' lists with those from the years 2002 to 2004, during which the last SIR was conducted in these states. This procedure has been referred to as pre-mapping. So most States are expected to have the lists of people whose names were already there in the voters' list, and they are thus not expected to submit any of the 11 indicative documents along with their enumeration forms.

Aadhaar has been added as the 12th document, as directed by the Supreme Court, but only as proof of identity and not of citizenship.

The poll body has also amended the enumeration form, incorporating a column where a parent or a relative can provide a signature in the absence of the voter. This signature will be countersigned by the booth-level officer (BLO).

For electors whose enumeration forms have not been returned, the BLO may ascertain a probable cause, including death or duplication, through inquiries conducted with neighbouring electors and document these findings.

Since the draft electoral rolls will only include the names of those who have submitted the enumeration forms, booth-wise lists of electors whose names have not been included in the draft rolls will be displayed on the notice board of the respective Panchayat Bhavan or the urban local body office and at the offices of the block development officers. This will enable the general public to access the aforementioned voters' lists, along with the probable reasons for the non-inclusion of their names.

The electoral registration officers will issue a notice only after the publication of the draft rolls to those electors who could not be linked with the previous SIR in order to ascertain their eligibility.

Also, unlike Bihar, the voter rolls of all States will be available for mapping the names of voters and their parents or guardians. This means that voters can check their names in the voter list of any State in the country, not just in the State where they are currently residing.

In another modification to the process, fresh voter registrations will be carried out simultaneously during the house-to-house enumeration exercise. The BLO will carry at least 30 blank Form 6s along with blank declaration forms to provide to anyone who seeks to enrol as a new elector.

Need for shift in focus from food security to nutrition security: PM

Modi addresses experts at first Emerging Science Technology and Innovation Conclave, which replaces the Indian Science Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

PM Narendra Modi with Union Minister of State Jitendra Singh at the opening of ESTIC in New Delhi on Monday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

In his inaugural address at the first Emerging Science Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) here on Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India's scientists should generate ideas to move from food security to nutrition security; create biofortified crops to address malnutrition; develop low-cost fertilizers; better map India's genomic biodiversity for personalised medicine; and arrive at new and cheap innovation in clean battery storage.

"This conclave should make a collective roadmap towards achieving these goals," Mr. Modi said, addressing an auditorium full of representatives from scientific Ministries, and technologists.

Commencing his speech by congratulating the Indian women's cricket team on their maiden World Cup win, he said the 21st century was an epoch of "unusual changes" that were being shaped by science and technology.

Doubling R&D

India's expenditure on research and development had doubled in the past decade, the number of patents registered had grown 17 times, and the number of "deep-tech start-ups" risen to 6,000, Mr. Modi said. India had made operational a fund of ₹1 lakh crore via the Anusandhan National Research Foundation, which would help scientists and technologists in the public and private sectors to invest more substantially in research and development, he said.

The ESTIC replaces the Indian Science Congress, the oldest congregation of scientists in India, with a history predating Independence. Over the years, the Indian Science Congress had gone into oblivion, with its last session held in 2023.

The ESTIC continues till November 5, with sessions on quantum science, bioengineering and energy environment, and climate.

Report finds audio linked to Biren Singh 'tampered', says SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The court allowed the petitioner to file a response to the Gandhinagar varsity's report in two weeks

The Supreme Court informed a Kuki rights organisation on Monday that a confidential report filed by the National Forensic Sciences University at Gandhinagar in Gujarat has concluded that audiotapes, sourced from a whistleblower claiming they contain telephonic conversations of former Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh inciting ethnic conflict, are "modified, edited and tampered".

A Bench headed by Justice Sanjay Kumar read the report in the court room.

Justice Kumar then addressed advocates Prashant Bhushan and Cheryl D'Souza, appearing for Kuki Organisation for Human Trust, that the tapes were "processed and altered" files, and not "scientifically fit for voice comparison".

Mr. Bhushan, referring to the results of the tests conducted by Truth Labs on the audiotapes, claimed there were "no breaks" in the recording with 93% voice probability.

Justice Kumar said there was no reason to suspect the university's findings. The Bench ordered the report to be shared with both the petitioner and the State of Manipur, represented by Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta.

The top law officer said "it is now quiet and peaceful" in Manipur. The court allowed the petitioner to file a response to the report in two weeks.

Mr. Bhushan submitted in the court that the audiotapes were sent to the government over a year ago, "yet it had remained uninvestigated".

The Kuki organisation had alleged that the audio tapes, shared by an anonymous whistleblower, contained telephone conversations held by the former Chief Minister "establishing complicity of the highest functionary and others in ethnic violence in the State of Manipur".

The petition had sought the Supreme Court to order a court-monitored investigation by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) into leaked audio clips.

Plea in SC on framing rules to register parties

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday decided to examine a plea to direct the Election Commission to frame rules for the registration and regulation of political parties to ensure public transparency about their inner structure, office-bearers and functioning.

A Bench headed by Justice Surya Kant issued notice to the Centre and the Election Commission (EC) on an application filed by advocate-petitioner A.K. Upadhyay, who said political parties function like a "public authority".

"Political parties have been given statutory status under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, and they are required to bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution... they are important instrumentalities of the democratic governance and function like a public authority," Mr. Upadhyay submitted.

The petitioner argued that the EC had a duty to de-register "shell" political parties that have proliferated, and debar convicted persons from forming political parties.

14 dead as dumper truck ploughs into multiple vehicles in Rajasthan

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Heavy impact: The wreckage of the dumper truck that rammed into at least 17 vehicles in Harmada area of Jaipur on Monday. PTI

A road bustling with daily commuters in Jaipur's Harmada area turned into a scene of devastation on Monday afternoon when a rashly driven dumper truck ploughed into a series of vehicles, leaving 14 people dead and 13 injured.

Bodies were strewn across the road, mangled cars lined the highway, and several motorbikes were crushed under the dumper's wheels following the horrific chain collision involving 17 vehicles that occurred near Loha Mandi.

The truck, whose driver was allegedly drunk, rammed these vehicles on a 300-metre stretch before crashing into a trailer.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma, his deputies, Diya Kumari and Premchand Bairwa, and former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot expressed grief over the loss of lives.

"The road accident that occurred in the Lohamandi area of Harmada in Jaipur, resulting in loss of life, is extremely tragic and heart-wrenching. Officials concerned have been directed to ensure proper treatment for the injured," Mr. Sharma posted on X.

Speeding truck

According to Jaipur Collector Jitendra Soni, the dumper came from Road No. 14 towards the Loha Mandi fuel station at high speed, hitting vehicles on its path.

"Thirteen people died and 10 are injured. The injured are being treated at SMS Hospital's trauma centre, and several are in critical condition," Mr. Soni said.

Additional Police Commissioner Rajiv Pachar, who was present at the scene, said the dumper was being driven recklessly.

The driver hit a car, prompting local people to chase him. He accelerated further, hitting pedestrians and bikers along the road.

He then stopped after colliding with a trailer truck and a car on the Delhi-Ajmer Highway. Local people handed him over to police.

On whether the driver was intoxicated, Mr. Pachar said, "Since the accused driver is injured, the situation will become clear only after a medical examination. However, the nature of the accident indicates it could certainly be due to intoxication or medical factors."

President Droupadi Murmu said the loss of lives was "extremely heartbreaking" and prayed for the swift recovery of the injured. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief over the deaths and announced an ex-gratia of ₹2 lakh to the next of kin of each deceased.

BJP-JD(U) has made Bihar a 'migration hub', says Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Monday accused the BJP-JD(U) alliance of "systematically dismantling" Bihar's industrial foundation over two decades, claiming that the ruling partners have presided over the rise of a "migration industry" rather than creating employment within the State.

In a post on X, Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh contended that Bihar, once known for its sugar, paper, jute, silk and dairy industries, had now become "synonymous with unemployment and migration". He said that successive Congress governments after Independence had built the industrial foundations that once placed Bihar prominently on the country's industrial map.

Recalling that period, he cited the establishment of the Barauni Oil Refinery, the Sindri and Barauni fertilizer plants, and the Barauni Dairy, describing them as milestones that strengthened India's energy and fertilizer security while giving rise to the Sudha Dairy network.

Mr. Ramesh pointed to the Ashok Paper Mill, whose 400-acre complex "now lies in ruins", and noted that Bihar once had over 33 sugar mills, accounting for nearly 40% of the country's total production.

"The Chief Minister says big industries are set up by the sea. The Union Minister says there is no land for industry in Bihar. Yet land is handed over to the Prime Minister's favoured industrialists at one rupee per acre," Mr. Ramesh remarked.

Farmers flag stricter tractor emission norms

A.M. Jigeesh
NEW DELHI

As an expert committee appointed by the Centre recommended 'Tractor Emission Norms (TREM) Stage V' from October 1, 2026, farmers' outfits urged the government not to treat tractors as commercial vehicles.

In a meeting convened by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan various stakeholders, including farmers and scientists, to discuss the report prepared by agricultural scientist Indra Mani here on Monday, they said stricter emission norms should apply only to tractors above 70 horsepower (HP), which are often used for non-agricultural purposes.

Great Nicobar project: map ready for denotification of tribal reserve

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

A "Comprehensive Tribal Welfare Plan" will be ready next month, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands administration said. FILE PHOTO

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands administration has prepared a map for the denotification and renotification of tribal reserve land for the Great Nicobar Island mega-infrastructure project, and will soon be finalising the sites for setting up towers in these lands.

The administration has also said that transit accommodation to initially serve all Great Nicobar Island project staff has been constructed, and that a "Comprehensive Tribal Welfare Plan" is slated to be finalised by next month.

The administration made a presentation to this effect to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation's (ANIIDCO) Monitoring Committee overseeing tribal-related matters for the ₹92,000-crore infrastructure project proposed on the Great Nicobar Island, which includes a transhipment port, an airport, a power plant, and a township. The project is being developed by the ANIIDCO, even as forest and environment clearances issued for the project are under challenge in courts and tribunals.

In a meeting of the monitoring committee on tribal-related matters held in October, the Tribal Welfare Department of the islands' administration noted that a Geographic Information System (GIS) map had been prepared for the denotification and renotification of land with help from the Forest Department. Additionally, sites for towers will be finalised after consultations with the Assistant Commissioner of Campbell Bay and the Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti, the administration body representing the Shompen people.

Notably, any denotification of tribal reserve land for the GNI project requires that forest rights over it be first settled under the Forest Rights Act, 2006. This finalisation of maps for denotification comes even as the Calcutta High Court is hearing petitions challenging the administration's claim that it had settled forest rights here as per law.

HC clears way for 26/11 mastermind Abu Jundal's trial

Vinaya Deshpande Pandit
MUMBAI

Abu Jundal

The Bombay High Court on Monday paved the way for the resumption of trial of Abu Jundal, alias Sayyad Zabiuddin, who has been arrested for being one of the key conspirators of the 26/11 terror attacks.

The High Court quashed the order passed by the trial court asking the authorities to produce documents related to the arrest of Abu Jundal.

Handler for Kasab

Jundal had acted as a handler for terrorists, including Ajmal Kasab, and was one of the masterminds of the attack.

Justice R.N. Ladda observed, "The trial court has completely misdirected itself by invoking Section 91 of the Cr.PC to compel the production of documents from third parties in this context. Section 91 Cr.PC does not confer upon an accused, nor empower the court, to initiate a speculative or exploratory inquiry into the place of arrest, particularly when such inquiry bears no rational nexus to the adjudication of the matter..." The judge underlined the importance of a timely trial.

Cong. mocks govt. over trade deal with the U.S.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Monday criticised the Narendra Modi government over U.S. President Donald Trump's repeated assertion that he used trade to prevent the escalation of an India-Pakistan conflict.

"There was a time when we were told that India would be among the earliest to sign a trade deal with the U.S. That supposed deal has become an ordeal while exports to the U.S. decline, leading to the loss of livelihoods here," Mr. Ramesh said. He also commented that there was a time when it was said that India would be hosting the Quad Summit in November but that would not be taking place now.

BIHAR ASSEMBLY ELECTION

In Bihar, NDA to set up defence corridor: Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said a defence corridor will come up in Bihar and factories will be set up in each district if the NDA is voted to power.

He exuded confidence that the NDA will form government and the RJD-Congress will be "wiped out by 1 p.m. on November 14".

"From the time of Emperor Chandragupta Maurya to Narendra Modi, the Gandak, Koshi, and Ganga rivers have wreaked flood havoc in Bihar. The NDA will form a commission to make Bihar flood-free," he said.

"We will establish a defence corridor, and set up factories in each district in addition to building MSME and industrial parks... We will launch the Vande Bharat train from Sitamarhi to Ayodhya on the consecration day of the Sita temple," he added. PTI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah waves to the gathering during a rally, in Sitamarhi.

Priyanka takes jibe at Modi in Bihar rallies

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday mocked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for frequently accusing Opposition leaders of "insulting him, the country and Bihar", and sarcastically suggested that he should create '*Apamaan Mantralaya*' (Ministry of Insults).

Addressing back-to-back rallies in Bihar, Ms. Vadra accused Mr. Modi of diverting public attention from issues such as unemployment, corruption, and poverty by constantly targeting his political opponents instead of speaking about governance.

"Whenever you ask any question to the PM, he is either touring the globe or starts crying that everyone is insulting him. Instead of cribbing, he should answer the people of Bihar and the youth about the misrule here," she added. PTI

> Modi and Nitish have no concern for Dalits at all, they only care about their chairs. That is why all of us need to stay vigilant
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> **MALLIKARJUN KHARGE**
> Congress president

Rekha Gupta to hold rallies, roadshows

In her third visit to poll-bound Bihar, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta will campaign for the NDA candidates in over a dozen constituencies for three days.

In addition to public meetings, she will also take part in roadshows, said a statement from the Delhi Chief Minister's Office. PTI

> Over 30,000 kidnappings took place during RJD's rule. Officers were not willing to work, as they were expected to carry the spittoon of Lalu
>
> **YOGI ADITYANATH**
> Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister

New chapter: Osama Shahab at an election rally in Hussainganj on Monday. AMIT BHELARI

With an eye on future, Osama has a past to contend with

Amit Bhelari
RAGHUNATHPUR

One name that is at the centre of a storm in the Bihar election is that of Osama Shahab, son of the late Mohammad Shahabuddin, the don-turned-politician who once epitomised terror in Siwan, Gopalganj, and Saran districts.

But unlike his father, Mr. Shahab, 31, has a calm demeanour, and his uncombed hair and untrimmed beard make him look very different from his father. He does not like to speak much and keeps to himself even while campaigning.

The Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) has fielded Mr. Shahab from the Raghunathpur Assembly constituency, replacing the sitting MLA, Harishankar Yadav. Mr. Harishankar and the RJD candidate from Siwan, Awadh Bihari Choudhary, always accompany Mr. Shahab while campaigning, and it is the MLA who does the talking.

Warm welcome

Mr. Shahab is not very media-friendly either and avoids presspersons. One of his supporters in Hussainganj, Farhan Khan, said the RJD candidate does not speak to the media because "you people take the bite of something and play something else after editing it". "He does not want to land in any controversy because his life is already filled with controversies," he said.

Mr. Shahab, who is contesting an election for the first time, has his father's legacy to contend with, yet he is trying his best to connect with the local people. He may not speak in front of a crowd, but he tries to mingle with people. The people have been giving him a warm welcome.

The only time he was seen addressing a rally was two days ago, when RJD leader and INDIA bloc chief ministerial candidate Tejashwi Yadav was in Raghunathpur to campaign. Mr. Yadav suddenly asked Mr. Shahab to speak to the crowd and seek votes. For a few seconds, the latter seemed unnerved and stared at Mr. Yadav. Then he spoke in Bhojpuri, asking people to vote for the INDIA bloc so that Mr. Yadav can become the Chief Minister. He talked about rampant corruption at the block level.

'Bringing back jungle raj'

While the young generation sees hope in Mr. Shahab, the elderly still remember the era when Siwan's name was in the headlines due to Shahabuddin's reign of terror. The BJP is using this in its campaign. Union Ministers Amit Shah and J. P. Nadda have already slammed the RJD for giving ticket to Mr. Shahab. Both said that fielding Shahabuddin's son means bringing back the '*jungle raj*'. Last week, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, at a rally in Siwan, said that a "*khandani mafia*" (mafia family) wants to seize control again.

But some voters are not bothered about the Shahabuddin name. "Shahabuddin was past, and Osama is the present. People call his father a criminal, but he helped many needy and poor people irrespective of caste and religion," said Mohammad Shadab, a resident of Firozpur village.

"Osama has always maintained a low profile in Siwan and is hardly visible. This is the first time we are seeing him up close," Manish Kumar Singh, a resident of Pratappur, said.

Mr. Shahab, who has two criminal cases pending against him, is up against the Janata Dal (United) candidate Vikas Kumar Singh, alias Jishu Singh, who is a close associate of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

Amid promises of jobs, youth in Bihar desperate to get public employment

Thousands of young aspirants crowd small libraries, clinging to the dream of a government job; many say corruption, paper leaks, irregular exams and delayed notifications have crushed their morale; with recruitment halted in key departments, frustration is growing across towns and villages

IN FOCUS

Shikha Kumari A.
PATNA

On the Phulwari Sharif-Janipur road in Babhanpura, a narrow two-storey building functions as a private library for students preparing for competitive exams. More than 250 young men and women study here daily, most of them from Patna and neighbouring villages. The library has become a refuge for those who cannot afford expensive coaching to land a government job.

Among them is Aman Kumar, 23, a graduate from Patna. He began preparing for recruitment exams about a year and a half ago. "I cleared the written test for Bihar Police twice," he says.

"The first time, I had a leg problem and couldn't appear for the physical. The second time, the paper leaked. The exam was cancelled. After that, we waited for information for almost a year."

Mr. Aman says that for people like him, government jobs are the only real option. "There are no private jobs here," he says. "Our education system has been weak from the start. Private coaching centres charge a lot, and children from villages can't afford them. So everyone runs after government jobs."

'Honesty doesn't help'

Even the process of applying is difficult. "You can't get certificates from the block office without paying bribes," he says. "If you try to get them through normal channels, your form keeps getting rejected. You go again and again until you finally pay. Only then does it move forward."

Mr. Aman looks down at his books before adding, "We study honestly. But honesty doesn't help here."

About 30 km from Patna, the struggle looks the same. In Madhuban village, 27-year-old Dharmendra Kumar has been preparing for government jobs for four years. His father died during the pandemic, and his mother, Rita Devi, now supports the family through farm work.

He stayed in Patna for a year to prepare before returning to the village to continue studying. "My friends who once prepared with me are now doing labour work in other States," he says. "I stayed because I still believe education should mean something."

He opens a file filled with exam receipts and admit cards. "I've applied for several exams," he says. "Every time the government announces a new exam, our hopes rise. But by the time it's cancelled, our money and months of study are gone."

Endless wait: Candidates preparing for government exams study in a ground in Patna. AMARNATH TEWARY

"In our village, people say the government has forgotten the youth," he says. "We are not even angry now, just tired."

The only hope

In Patna, Niranjan, who works with students from the Manjhi community, says unemployment has become one of the most pressing problems in the State. "Families sell land or jewellery to send their children to coaching," he says. "When those children don't succeed, the pressure becomes unbearable. Some boys even say, 'If I don't clear it this time, I'll end my life.'"

He has also seen the information gap widen between the capital and the countryside. "Within 30 km of Patna, the situation changes completely," he says. "In the villages, students don't even get to know about new exam notifications on time. By the time they find out, the deadline is gone."

He believes the timing of job announcements adds to the frustration. "The government opens job portals a month or two before elections," he says. "For the rest of the five years, nothing happens. It's a cycle of hope and disappointment."

The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) shows Bihar's unemployment rate at about 5%, but the labour-participation rate, the proportion of people actually working or looking for work, remains among the lowest in India. For young people aged 15 to 29, only around 28 out of 100 are working, and among women, the number is even smaller.

A senior official from the State Labour Resources Department said in a recent press note that the government has launched new training and recruitment drives, but acknowledged that "exam irregularities and overlapping vacancies" have slowed implementation.

Paper leaks in 2024 and early 2025 have delayed recruitment in several departments, including police, staff selection, and revenue. With elections around the corner, many young aspirants say the delays have deepened a sense of betrayal.

Despite repeated announcements, most jobs in the State remain informal and unstable. The gap between education and opportunity has left a generation suspended in uncertainty. As dusk falls, the private library in Babhanpura begins to empty. Students close their books and step out onto the street, their conversations still circling exam dates and notifications. Mr. Aman gathers his notes and prepares to leave.

From Kalyan Bigha's development to Phulwaria's long wait, two villages tell Bihar's political story

Amarnath Tewary
KALYAN BIGHA

Two villages stand out as the cynosure of all eyes among the 45,000 villages that dot Bihar's predominantly agrarian landscape – Kalyan Bigha and Phulwaria. Their development and growth have matched the political fortunes of their famous sons.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar hails from Kalyan Bigha in Nalanda district. His predecessor and former Chief Minister, Lalu Prasad, hails from Phulwaria village in Gopalganj district.

'A good town'

Kalyan Bigha falls under the Harnaut Assembly constituency.

Round-the-clock supply of electricity and street lights make Kalyan Bigha the object of envy in other, less fortunate villages. Midway up a high, robust telephone tower is a vapour light. With a primary and higher secondary school, and several other projects, Kalyan Bigha stands out as an island of amiable development in the din of Bihar's innumerable, dusty, and poverty-stricken lanes and bylanes. "My relatives admire and envy Kalyan Bigha when they visit," Subodh Pandey, a middle-aged priest, said.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar hails from Kalyan Bigha which falls under the Harnaut Assembly constituency. AMARNATH TEWARY

Round-the-clock supply of electricity and street lights make Kalyan Bigha the object of envy

"Nitish Kumar*ji* comes to Kalyan Bigha at least thrice a year – on November 29, January 1, and May 14 – to pay floral tributes to his father Ramlakhan *babu*, mother Parmeshwari Devi, and wife Manju Sinha on their respective death anniversaries," Mr. Pandey said.

"The village today has everything a good town needs. However, earlier, before 2005, the situation was very pitiable and pathetic here. We did not venture out even during the day when the RJD was in power," Mr. Pandey said.

Kalyan Bigha now also boasts an excellent road to Patna, a police station, and a shooting range for girls.

"A journey that used to take two-and-a-half hours can now be completed in 20 minutes," Vikas Kumar, who grew up in Kalyan Bigha, said. Now a qualified physician, Dr. Vikas returned two months ago to open a small clinic near the Chief Minister's house.

The village is dominated by Mr. Kumar's own Kurmi Other Backward Class (OBC) community, and the Chief Minister's presence is visible everywhere. "Other lower castes are also in the village, but we are all here for Nitish Kumar again as the Chief Minister of Bihar," a group of young boys said.

Mr. Kumar first won from the Harnaut Assembly constituency in 1985 on Lok Dal ticket. In the upcoming Assembly election, the JD(U)'s sitting MLA, Harinarayan Singh, is being fielded again from the seat – for the 10th time. "If he wins the Assembly seat for the 10th time, he will set a record in Bihar," Maheshwar Prasad, 59, said at the market in Harnaut.

Mr. Singh is pitted against the *Mahagatbandhan* (Grand Alliance) candidate, Arun Bind, while the Jan Suraaj Party has nominated Kamlesh Paswan from the constituency.

Harnaut goes to the polls in the first phase of the Bihar Assembly election on November 6.

Phulwaria waits

About 20 km from Gopalganj town is the village of Phulwaria, which falls in the Hathua Assembly constituency. Former Chief Minister and Opposition RJD founder and supremo Lalu Prasad hails from Phulwaria.

Mr. Yadav's palatial house in Phulwaria has a vast forecourt, but the metalled road to the village, broken in some places, now has potholes, with overflowing drains. "The village was deliberately neglected by the present regime. When Lalu Prasad or his party, the RJD, was in power, Phulwaria used to present a different picture – of development and growth. We have had everything in the village, from a primary health centre to schools for children," Prahalad Yadav, 32, a villager, said.

"Earlier, leaders of different political parties, and journalists, even from Delhi, would visit Phulwaria. We were and still are proud residents of the village of Phulwaria in Gopalganj, which is synonymous with our leader, Lalu Prasad*ji* and his family," Mr. Prahalad Yadav said over a phone call.

Asked if the RJD leader's family came to the village these days, septuagenarian Sanyog Yadav and others in a group said they certainly did. "Why not? They come here whenever they get time. How can anyone be cut off from his roots?" a villager said.

The RJD has fielded sitting MLA Rajesh Kumar Singh. Apart from members of the Yadav community, the forward castes, Muslims, and Extremely Backward Class (EBC) voters are also present in sizeable numbers in the constituency.

Hathua too goes to the polls in the first phase on November 6.

Cash, liquor, drugs worth over ₹100 cr. seized, says EC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission on Monday said enforcement agencies had seized cash, liquor, drugs, precious metals, and other freebies estimated at more than ₹100 crore from poll-bound Bihar and other States where Assembly by-elections are scheduled.

The commission said that as on November 3, illicit inducements estimated at more than ₹108.19 crore, including ₹9.62 crore in cash, liquor valued at ₹42.14 crore (9.6 lakh litres), drugs for ₹24.61 crore, precious metals estimated at ₹5.8 crore, and other freebies for more than ₹26 crore had been seized through a coordinated approach involving multi-enforcement agencies across different States and Union Territories.

A total of 824 flying squads had been deployed across Bihar to ensure that the complaints reported on the cVIGIL app were attended to within 100 minutes, the poll body said.

Citizens and political parties can report violations of the Model Code of Conduct using the cVIGIL app. Complaints can also be registered on the voter helpline 1950.

INBRIEF

Air India flight rerouted to Mongolia over technical glitch

Air India's San Francisco to Delhi flight was diverted to Mongolia's Ulaanbaatar on Monday due to a suspected technical glitch after flying for 11 hours. The airline said that the Boeing 777-300 aircraft was undergoing checks, and it was making efforts to take passengers to their destination. "AI 174 of November 2, operating from San Francisco to Delhi via Kolkata, made a precautionary landing at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, after the flight crew suspected a technical issue en route," said the airline's press statement. The aircraft made a safe landing in Mongolia. AI 174 has been flying the route via Kolkata ever since the closure of Pakistan airspace in April.

Mumbai airport to remain closed for 6 hours on Nov. 20

The Mumbai International Airport's both runways will remain closed between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on November 20 for post-monsoon maintenance, it said in a press statement. The airport said that this was an exercise planned six months ahead of the maintenance work and a Notice to Airmen was issued well in time to allow airlines to plan their flight schedules accordingly. The maintenance include detailed inspections, surface repairs, and technical assessments of runway lighting, markings, and drainage systems.

Clash over fried chicken wreaks havoc on a wedding

Chaos erupted at a wedding at Tewari Majheda village in Bijnor district of Uttar Pradesh when the groom's side and the bride's relatives clashed over the serving of fried chicken on the intervening night of Sunday and Monday. The video has gone viral, showing clashes and alleged injuries to both sides, forcing intervention by the police. The matter escalated after certain relatives of the groom expressed dissatisfaction over the size of the portions served. To alleviate their concerns, the bride's family provided additional portions. However, rather than feeling content, the guests claimed proper etiquette was not being followed in serving the food. A video of the fight has emerged on the social media platform X.

Centre orders probe into ₹1 insurance payout to farmers

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Monday ordered a probe into complaints that some farmers received crop insurance payouts as low as ₹1. Expressing concern over insurers "playing jokes" with the farmers, Mr. Chouhan said such meagre settlements for crop damages would not be tolerated. The Minister reviewed the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and examined the farmers' complaints related to insurance. "Insurers giving crop insurance claims of ₹1, ₹3, ₹5 or ₹21 is like playing jokes with farmers. The government will never allow this to happen," Mr. Chouhan said in a strongly worded statement. PTI

SC flags feeding of stray dogs within govt. office premises

The top court says the practice violates its orders on designated feeding zones for canines; it will be issuing directions on November 7 to government institutions and public sector undertakings

Aaratrika Bhaumik
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday took serious note of government employees feeding stray dogs within office premises, observing that such conduct violated its earlier directions mandating the establishment of designated feeding zones for canines.

A Bench of Justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta, and N.V. Anjaria observed, "We will be issuing directions with respect to government institutions and public sector undertakings where employees are feeding the dogs, and supporting and encouraging stray dogs in the area." It accordingly listed the matter for orders on November 7.

When counsel appearing for some intervenors urged the Bench to hear the parties before issuing any such directions, Justice Nath remarked, "For institutional matters, we are not going to hear any averment at all." The Bench, however, clarified that it would continue to hear all parties after passing the interim order.

Senior advocate Karuna Nundy drew the court's attention to irregularities reported in the demarcation of feeding zones by local authorities in Delhi. The Bench assured her that such grievances would be examined at the next hearing.

Feeding rules: The court made the remarks during a *suo motu* hearing on national policy for stray dog management. FILE PHOTO

The observations were made during the court's ongoing *suo motu* proceedings to evolve a national policy on stray dog management and to ensure effective implementation of the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules, 2023, framed under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

In its August 22 order, the Bench had directed municipal bodies across the country to establish designated feeding zones in every ward to ensure that stray dogs are fed in a regulated manner without causing public inconvenience. The directions were prompted by a series of "untoward incidents" arising from unregulated feeding, which had caused "great difficulties for the common man walking on the streets".

On Monday, the Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories, except West Bengal, Telangana, and Kerala, were present in the courtroom pursuant to an order dated October 27 directing their personal appearance for non-compliance with the court's earlier directive.

The Bench had earlier expressed strong displeasure over the failure of most States and Union Territories to submit compliance reports from their local bodies on the implementation of the ABC Rules. Accordingly, it had directed the Chief Secretaries to personally appear before it on November 3. The court had also clarified that the Chief Secretary of Delhi must appear in person, notwithstanding the filing of a report by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

The Bench observed that it would shortly issue directions to curb dog-bite incidents. It had earlier remarked that the recurrence of such incidents brings disrepute to the country globally.

The court directed that the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) be impleaded as a party to the proceedings. Mr. Mehta also suggested that victims of dog-bite incidents should be allowed to participate in the proceedings, pointing out that several private individuals and organisations had already sought to be heard.

Accepting the suggestion, the Bench allowed dog-bite victims to be impleaded as parties.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with Bahrain Foreign Affairs Minister Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani in New Delhi. PTI

India, Bahrain hold talks on boosting defence, trade ties

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India on Monday reiterated that the Gaza peace plan of U.S. President Donald Trump will lead to a "lasting" solution to the West Asian conflict.

Welcoming Bahrain's Foreign Minister Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said there are "unprecedented" changes in the West Asian region as well as in the world.

"So I take the opportunity to reiterate our support for the Gaza Peace Plan which we hope will lead to a lasting and durable solution," said Mr. Jaishankar in his opening remarks.

A joint statement issued after the meeting of the High Joint Commission headed by Mr. Jaishankar and Mr. Alzayani said that India and Bahrain expressed optimism for "enhancing future collaboration in the areas of defence and security". The joint statement also mentioned unequivocal condemnation of "terrorism, in all its forms and manifestations and reaffirmed strong commitment to combat terrorism, including cross border terrorism."

The two sides highlighted that India is among the top five trading partners of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Both sides agreed to develop a common understanding to commence Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) negotiations, which will help eliminate double taxation, provide tax certainty and promote trade and investment.

'Digital arrests' are a very big challenge; victims, mostly elderly, lost ₹3,000 cr. in India alone: SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday said more than ₹3,000 crore had been scammed by fraudsters from victims, mostly drawn from the elderly population, through "digital arrests".

A Bench headed by Justice Surya Kant was referring to a confidential report submitted by the Union government. Justice Kant, who is the Chief Justice of India-designate, said the report showed that the problem of digital arrests was a "very big challenge". "Much more than we thought..." Justice Kant observed.

"The report shows the extent of fraud is very big... ₹3,000 crore was collected from victims in India alone. What would be the suffering at the global level?" Justice Kant asked.

The judiciary will pass stringent orders to strengthen the hands of agencies against the fraudsters, says Justice Kant. GETTY IMAGES

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, for the Centre, agreed with Justice Kant, saying digital arrest scam was initially found to be beyond what they had expected.

Justice Kant said the judiciary would pass harsh and stringent orders to strengthen the hands of the agencies against the fraudsters, "give you all support". "Otherwise, this problem will magnify, and the victims are aged people," Mr. Mehta said.

In an earlier hearing, the Supreme Court had orally mooted tasking the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) with probing the menace of digital arrests orchestrated by fraudsters posing as judges and police officers who use forged documents.

Attorney-General R. Venkataramani had submitted that these cyber crimes originate from across the border and were fashioned by "money-laundering gangs".

'Scam compounds'

The Solicitor-General had informed that the organised cybercrimes behind digital arrests were generated from "scam compounds" and done at a large-scale level.

The Supreme Court had originally taken *suo motu* cognisance of a case of digital arrest of a senior citizen couple in Haryana's Ambala on the basis of forged orders of the court and probe agencies by fraudsters to extort ₹1.05 crore. However, the court was later informed that there were numerous cases across the country in which innocent people, especially senior citizens, were threatened with "cyber arrests" by criminals, who misuse Artificial Intelligence and other advanced technology to morph courtrooms and police stations, unless they cough up huge sums of money.

"The impact of the problem is great. There is not only a financial but also a human angle. Gullible people are promised employment abroad and reduced to the status of human slaves. Criminals morph the faces of judges and make calls to victims with the Court rooms shown as the background," Mr. Mehta had said.

Delhi HC upholds FSSAI ban on 'ORS' tagged drinks

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has rejected a plea challenging the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's (FSSAI) decision to ban the use of the word 'ORS' (Oral Rehydration Solution) in the naming of any fruit-based, non-carbonated, or ready-to-drink beverages.

Justice Sachin Datta passed the order on October 31, dismissing a petition by Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd., which had challenged the FSSAI's directive restricting the use of the label 'ORS' for its brand Rebalanz VITORS.

On October 14, the FSSAI withdrew all prior permissions for using the term 'ORS' in product names or branding unless they met the medical standards.

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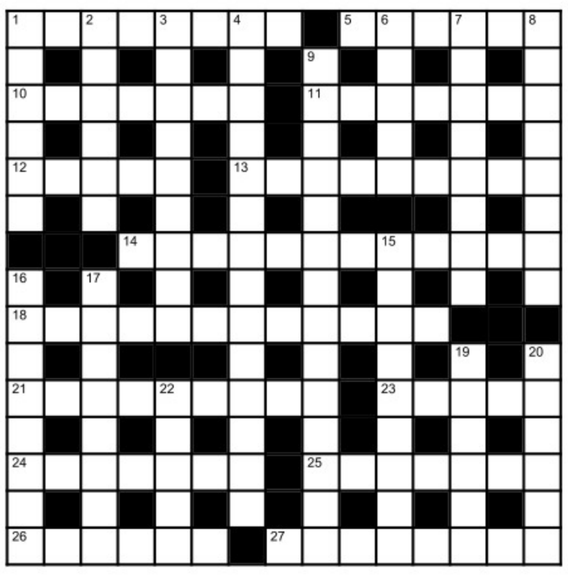

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5 Say, one's less sensitive (6)
10 Sleep returning with excellent American wonder drug (7)
11 Natural in cargo pants (7)
12 Get hold of tips from respected elder at Church (5)
13 View with beds in busy places (9)
14 Praise Spooner's club attached to the group (3,2,3,4)
18 How to get to swan from a fictional character (6,6)
21 Previous publication from Cuba excited about Peck movie's climax (4,5)
23 Angry individual before judge (5)
24 New block in toilet far back (4,3)
25 Comprehensive command in bouts chosen regularly (7)
26 Say Sushmita's engaged to get married here (6)
27 Essentially avoid ladies fighting to get time alone (8)

Down

1 Soldiers left state (6)
2 Cancel drawing in a periodical (6)
3 Drops of iced cold matcha drunk with ordinary beverage (9)
4 Intelligent sea creatures may provide this valuable insight? (6,2,6)
6 Eggs on uthappam recipes giving extra smoothness basically (5)
7 Arab and an Assyrian wrapping colourful headgear (8)
8 This once more inspects cat's door repairing crooked scratches (8)
9 What vets maybe doing with pets deteriorating? (5,2,3,4)
15 Moving old email - not bad (9)
16 Britain wholly plugging advantages for different folks (8)
17 Paddle boat manoeuvring oceanic race ultimately (3,5)
19 Strategic tactic let IBM again put up stores (6)
20 The ant's head, oddly drawn (6)
22 Setter's mature appearance (5)

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FAITH

Cauvery and Tula Masa

King Harischandra once sought the wisdom of sage Sounaka and his companions. With devotion, he asked how people might live without sin and with happiness, and how one could reach God. The rishis told him to perform a yagna. When preparations began, sage Narada arrived and, through his divine sight, stopped the king and said the yagna could start only after the king cleansed the sins of his past birth. Narada advised him to bathe in the holy river Cauvery during Tula masa (falling between mid-October and mid-November).

Azhagiya Manavalan Swamy said in a discourse that Aagneya Puranam explains in detail about the river Cauvery and Tula masa. It is a time of divine merit and purification. Sage Agastya told Harischandra that one may light lamps with ghee or sesame oil in temples during this month. On the banks of the Cauvery, devotees may also distribute honey, cows with calves, and bulls, and donate seeds to farmers. Performing ancestral rites and offering sesame seeds are acts of spiritual significance. Food can also be served to the poor. Donating woollen garments during this month brings blessings of peace, happiness, and good progeny. It is believed that these selfless deeds wash away accumulated sins and invite divine grace into one's life. During the Tula Masa ritual practice in the Cauvery basin, the river's heightened soteriological efficacy is premised on the belief that numerous sacred rivers converge in its waters to facilitate expiation of sin and the attainment of well-being. Thondaradippodi Azhwar says, "*Gangaiyinum Punidhamagiya Cauvery*," which means that Cauvery is holier than the river Ganga.

INBRIEF

Three large sovereign funds to invest in Groww IPO

Three large sovereign funds,including Norway's Norges Bank Investment Management, Abu Dhabi Investment Authority and GIC of Singapore are among the investors participating in the IPO of Indian stock broker Groww's parent Billionbrains Garage Ventures, two sources directly aware of the matter said. The IPO will rank among the largest offerings so far in 2025, following floats by the likes of Tata Capital, LG Electronics India and HDB Financial. REUTERS

India, New Zealand begin fourth round of FTA talks

India and New Zealand began the fourth round of negotiations towards a free trade agreement, with the Indian team visiting Auckland until November 7, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced on Monday. "Negotiations in this round are focusing on key areas, including trade in goods, trade in services, and rules of origin," the statement added. "Both sides are working constructively to build on the progress achieved in earlier rounds."

Tata Consumer Q2 net profit rises 11% to ₹407 crore

Tata Consumer Products Ltd. (TCPL) reported an 11% growth in second quarter net profit to ₹407 crore. Revenue from operations grew 18% to ₹4,966 crore. Sunil D'Souza, Managing Director & CEO, Tata Consumer Products, said that the company delivered a strong topline growth of 18% in the second quarter of FY26, with steady net profit growth. This was the second consecutive quarter of double-digit growth in the India core business across both tea and salt.

SC clarifies Centre can reassess all AGR dues of Vodafone

Sixth para of the Oct. 27 order inadvertently said the telecom major was asking only for reconciliation of the 'additional' AGR demand, says telco

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday clarified that the Union government can comprehensively assess and reconcile all Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) dues of Vodafone-Idea up to the financial year 2016-17 in accordance with the Deduction Verification Guidelines of February 3, 2020.

The clarification from a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai came in an oral mentioning made by Vodafone-Idea (VI), represented by senior advocates Mukul Rohatgi and Mahesh Agarwal, post lunch.

The company pointed out that though a composite plea was made to reassess "all" the AGR, the sixth paragraph of the court's October 27 order inadvertently said the telecom major was asking only for a reconciliation of the "additional" AGR demand made by the Department of Telecom (DoT) for the period up to the financial 2016-17.

"It was only a simple correction. We had sought a composite prayer to reassess and reconcile all the AGR dues," Mr. Agarwal confirmed to *The Hindu* in a telephonic call on Monday.

On October 27, the apex court left it to the Centre to reconsider its demand for AGR dues from the company and take an appropriate decision in accordance with the law.

Appearing for the Centre on that day, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta had flagged a "huge change in circumstances" in the time between previous AGR litigation in the top court involving VI and the present one as a reason for the government's softened stand.

Redial mode: On October 27, the apex court left it to the Centre to reconsider its demand for AGR dues from the company. AFP

ED attaches ₹7,500-cr. assets linked to Anil Ambani's Reliance

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate has attached assets worth about ₹7,500 crore allegedly linked to Anil Ambani's Reliance Group in connection with the investigations under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the agency said on Monday.

The assets include more than 132 acres of land of Dhirubhai Ambani Knowledge City (DAKC) in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, worth over ₹4,462 crore in Reliance Communications Ltd. (RCom) "bank fraud" case.

The ED is conducting the probe based on a first information report registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation against RCom, Mr. Anil Ambani, and others.

"RCom and its group companies availed loans from domestic and foreign lenders from the period of 2010-2012 onwards, of which a total amount of ₹40,185 crore is outstanding. Five banks have declared the loan accounts of the Group as fraud," it said.

The ED said it earlier provisionally attached over 42 properties of Reliance Anil Ambani Group worth over ₹3,083 crore, in the alleged bank fraud cases of RCom, Reliance Commercial Finance Ltd. (RCFL), and Reliance Home Finance Ltd. (RHFL).

While 30 properties are of Reliance Infrastructure Limited, five of Adhar Property Consultancy Private Ltd., four properties of Mohanbir Hi-tech Build Private Ltd., one each of Gamesa Investment Management Private Ltd., Vihaan43 Realty Private Ltd. (earlier known as Kunjbihari Developers Private Ltd.) and Campion Properties Ltd.

"So far, the ED has detected fraudulent diversion of public money by various Reliance Anil Ambani Group companies, including Reliance Communications Ltd. (RCom), Reliance Home Finance Ltd. (RHFL), Reliance Commercial Finance Ltd. (RCFL), Reliance Infrastructure Ltd. (RIL), and Reliance Power Ltd. (RHFL)," it said.

Strong demand lifts manufacturing PMI to 59.2 in October

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Manufacturing activity accelerated to 59.2 in October, nearly a 17-year high, driven by strong demand and the Goods and Services Tax (GST) rate reductions, according to a private sector survey.

The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index in October was higher than the 57.7 in September, which it said indicated a quicker improvement in the health of the sector.

October's 59.2 was just lower than the 59.3 recorded in August, which was the highest in 17-and-a-half years.

"Manufacturing sector conditions in India continued to strengthen in October, buoyed by GST relief, productivity gains and tech investment," the report noted.

Rise in new orders

"A faster increase in new orders boosted growth of output and buying levels, and the latter drove a near-record expansion in input inventories."

According to the survey, companies attributed the increase in new orders to "advertising, buoyant demand and the GST reform".

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	83,978	0.04
US Dollar	88.77	-0.07
Gold	1,25,300	-0.23
Brent oil	65.21	—

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2467.00	-14.00
Adani Ports	1444.70	-6.80
Apollo Hosp	7824.50	143.50
Asian Paints	2512.20	1.40
Axis Bank	1233.70	0.90
Bajaj Auto	8922.50	30.00
Bajaj Finserv	2081.60	-6.70
Bajaj Finance	1043.10	0.30
Bharat Elec	422.30	-3.80
Bharti Airtel	2074.00	19.50
Cipla	1511.50	10.20
Coal India	388.55	-0.10
Dr Reddys Lab	1196.00	-1.60
Tata Motors CV	260.75	0.00
Eicher Motors	7023.50	16.50
Eternal Ltd.	322.60	4.85
Grasim Ind	2899.90	8.20
HCL Tech	1543.50	2.00
HDFC Bank	992.65	5.35
HDFC Life	736.00	4.15
Hindalco	847.20	-0.65
Hind Unilever	2460.00	-5.50
ICICI Bank	1346.40	1.10
IntGlobeAvi	5695.50	70.50
Infosys	1485.50	3.20
ITC	413.95	-6.40
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	306.80	0.00
JSW Steel	1195.00	-11.00
Kotak Bank	2113.50	11.30
L&T	3980.50	-50.40
M&M	3548.90	61.70
Maruti Suzuki	15651.00	-535.00
Max Healthcare	1145.90	-1.90
NestleIndia	1266.70	-4.90
NTPC	335.20	-1.75
ONGC	257.55	2.18
PowerGrid Corp	288.00	-0.15
Reliance Ind	1484.70	-1.70
SBI Life	1969.60	13.90
State Bank	949.70	12.70
Shriram Finance Ltd.	796.45	47.55
Sun Pharma	1706.40	15.70
TataConsumerProduct	1197.50	32.50
Tata Steel	182.67	-0.17
TCS	3016.80	-41.20
Tech Mahindra	1419.80	-4.60
Titan	3724.50	-22.20
Tata Motors PV	417.00	7.00
Trent Ltd.	4713.40	19.10
UltraTech Cement	11950.00	3.00
Wipro	240.50	-0.17

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 03

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	88.62	88.95
Euro	102.02	102.41
British Pound	116.35	116.81
Japanese Yen (100)	57.46	57.69
Chinese Yuan	12.45	12.50
Swiss Franc	109.70	110.17
Singapore Dollar	67.95	68.23
Canadian Dollar	63.07	63.33
Malaysian Ringitt	21.08	21.20
Australian Dollar	58.00	58.22

Source:Indian Bank

Bharti logs ₹52,145 cr. revenue in Q2 on tariff-rise momentum

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Bharti has been able to raise income from competitive home broadband with a 30% boost in revenue

Bharti Airtel Ltd. reported a revenue of ₹52,145 crore in the September quarter, driven by "continued premiumisation in mobile segment, sustained momentum in homes segment and improved Airtel Business performance," the firm said on Monday.

While revenue jumped by over a fifth vis a vis Q2FY25, profit surged 73.6% to ₹6,792 crore.

"Continued premiumisation" is a reference to the tariff hikes implemented in July, a move which drove compounding revenue growth for the last two quarters on longer-tenure subscribers renewing subscriptions at new rates.

Mobile subscribers in India contributed to a "13.2% YoY revenue increase" in the segment, Bharti said. At the same time, the firm has been able to raise income from the competitive home broadband segment, with a 30.2% boost in revenue.

This year, Bharti unveiled Airtel Cloud for enterprises hoping to keep more of their data in India.

Bharat Biotech sets up CRDMO arm to focus on cell and gene therapies

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Bharat Biotech has established a contract research development and manufacturing organisation (CRDMO) focused on cell and gene therapies.

Setting up of the wholly-owned subsidiary Nucelion Therapeutics is part of a strategic expansion into the fast-growing field of next-generation cell and gene therapy CRDMO.

It aims to support global life science innovators with high-quality, scalable process development and manufacturing solutions for advanced therapies, indicated for cancers, autoimmune disorders and rare genetic disorders, the vaccine maker said, announcing the formal launch of the arm on Monday.

Spread across a 30,000 sq.ft purpose-built facility in Genome Valley, Hyderabad, Nucelion has commissioned a GMP facility capable of developing and manufacturing plasmids, viral and non-viral vectors, cell therapies, and aseptic fill and finish, providing end-to-end services for clients. The company will offer end-to-end services, while adhering to international regulatory standards, it said.

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For details, visit the **website:www.svuniversity.edu.in** & **svuniversityrec.samarth.edu.in.** Commencement of downloading online Applications from **05-11-2025**.
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Sd/- M.BHUPATHI NAIDU, REGISTRAR

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No : 10/25-26/SE/PHC/PKD
Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)- Augmentation of CWSS to Anakkara, Pattithara and Kappur Grama Panchyaths reappropriation 7th SWSM Phase I Design Construction of 12 MLD Water Treatment Plant and Allied Components, Design Construction of OHSR at Parakulam in Kappur and Allied Works-Pipeline Work
EMD : Rs. 5,00,000, Tender fee : Rs. 16540
Last Date for submitting Tender : 25-11-2025, 03:00 pm
Phone : 04912544927, Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
Superintending Engineer
(KWA-JB-GL-6-483-2025-26) **PH Circle, Palakkad**

ANDHRA PRADESH POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED
VIDYUT SOUDHA, VIJAYAWADA-520004
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)/ RFx No: 610002092
APGENCO invites Online tenders for "USHES - R&M Works - Refurbishment of Head Regulator of Guntawada reservoir at Upper Sileru-Providing stoplog gates and stoplog gate hoisting arrangements for the upstream and downstream of the intake regulator gates" through APGENCO e-Procurement platform. Please visit https://etender.apgenco.gov.in/iri/portal for tender details, procedure for registration and tender submission etc. Estimate Contract Value of the above work is **Rs.1,62,32,320/-**, Tender Schedule will be available online from : **31.10.2025 at 5:00 PM.** onwards. Bid submission closing date: **3:00 PM on 21.11.2025.** Pre-qualification/Technical Bids will be opened on : **21.11.2025 at 4:00 PM.** Price Bids will be opened on : **28.11.2025 at 11:00 AM.** Tender notice can also be seen at **www.apgenco.gov.in** Phone: **(0866) 2526411, 2526839.**
DIPR 4539PP/CL, Dt: 03-11-2025

धुळे महानगरपालिका, धुळे
बांधकाम विभाग – ई निविदा सुचना क्र. ८७ सन 2025–26
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जा.क्र./ धुमपा/ बां.वि./ ७६/ 2025–26 उपआयुक्त
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Public are hereby notified that my client intends to purchase the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** from its owner **Mr.R. MUNIRAMU son of Late M.Ramu,**
Persons/banks/society/firm or any other body having any right, title, interest, claim or charge over the schedule mentioned property or any part thereof is hereby notified to lodge their objections/claims if any, in writing with documentary evidence regarding their manner of right, title, interest, claim or charge, within **10 days** from the date of this publication to the office of undersigned, after which period my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule mentioned property on the basis that there are no objections/claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the schedule mentioned property.
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of **Site No. 2CC-425,** E PID no.84-149-2CC-425, measuring East to West **15.25 Meters,** North to South **24.40 Meters,** in all measuring **372.10 Sq. Meters,** situated at **O M B R Layout, Bangalore,** and bounded on the
East by : Site No.2CC 427;
West by : Site No.2CC 423;
North by : Site No.2CC 426;
South by : 2nd C Cross Road
LEGAL & LEGAL,
ADVOCATES,
No.32, Rukmani's Brindavanam, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Subramani Layout, Vijinapura, Ramamurthynagar, Bengaluru – 560 016
Mob: 9900111844, 7406234888.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the General Public that our client **Mr. R. Praveen and Mrs. Seema Kumari** proposes to purchase of the immovable property (more fully described in the Schedule given below and hereinafter referred as the **"Schedule Property"),** with its owner namely, **Mr. P. Mangal Chand Alias Mangala Ram,** residing at Bera Ramar, Deoriya, Pali, Rajasthan-306302 Now boarding at No. 436, 3rd Cross, Dodda Vokkalageri, Mandi Mohalla, Mysuru, Karnataka. All persons having or claiming any right, title, estate or interest by waiver, inheritance, share, sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, tenancy, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, devise bequest, exchange, pre-emption, possession or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever into or upon the Schedule Property described herein below are called upon to intimate the same in writing to the undersigned at the below given address along with all the documents relating to such claim within **07 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, any such claim of any party shall be deemed to have been waived for all legal practical purposes and shall not be entertained after such period and our client will proceed with the proposed purchase of the Scheduled Property on the basis that there are no claims whatsoever with respect thereto.
SCHEDULE
ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the immovable Property bearing Vacant Site No. 26, E-Katha Property No. 61-3-565-26, measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, totally measuring 2,400 Sqfeet, Situated at Chamundi Vihar Layout Nazarbad Mohalla, Mysuru City and bounded as follows East by: Property bearing No. 33, West by: 30 Feet Road, North by: Property bearing No.25, South by: Property bearing No. 27.
SWATHI HD.
India Law Practice -ILP
Advocates and Attorneys
No. 663, 1st Floor, 17th Main, Near Poornima Hospital, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru City-570009 **Ph: 0821-4241296**
E-mail: swathi@ilplaw.co.in
Place: Mysuru Date: 03-11- 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the general public that MRS. TARA GUPTA and MR. RAHUL BINDLISH, wife and son of LATE MR. RAJKUMAR GUPTA, both residing at B3-1102, L&T SOUTH CITY, AREKERE, MICO LAYOUT, BANGALORE - 560076 (hereinafter referred to as the "OWNERS"), are the joint and absolute owners of FLAT NO. 704, situated on the SEVENTH FLOOR of the building known as "ANSAL KRSNA-I", having a SUPER BUILT-UP AREA OF 1316 SQ. FT., constructed on SURVEY NOS. 66/1, 66/2, 66/3 AND 66/4, located at HOSUR ROAD, ADUGODI VILLAGE, BEGUR HOBLI, BANGALORE CORPORATION WARD NO. 63, BANGALORE (hereinafter referred to as the "PROPERTY").
The Owners have LOST/MISPLACED the original DEED OF SALE dated 22ND AUGUST 2003, registered on 28TH AUGUST 2003 as DOCUMENT NO. 2862, stored in C.D. NO. 25, in the office of the SUB-REGISTRAR, BANGALORE (URBAN) DISTRICT, executed by MR. SHAMSUNDER R. BATHIJA, son of LATE MR. R.K. BATHIJA, and ANSAL BUILDWELL LIMITED in favour of the Owners (hereinafter referred to as the "SALE DEED") in connection with the Property.
Despite best efforts, the Owners have been unable to trace the original Sale Deed. Accordingly, a POLICE COMPLAINT has been lodged with the KARNATAKA STATE POLICE, BENGALURU CITY, vide E-LOST REPORT DATED 30.10.2025, bearing REFERENCE NO. 1876574/2025.
Members of the public are hereby NOTIFIED that if any person(s) has/have FOUND, DISCOVERED, OR IS/ARE IN POSSESSION of the said original Sale Deed, such person(s) are requested to RETURN THE SAME to the undersigned at the address given below.
NAME: **TARA GUPTA**
ADDRESS: B3-1102, L&T SouthCity, Arekere, Mico Layout, Bengaluru - 560076.
CONTACT NO.: +91-9341123682

ಮಂಡ್ಯ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ–571 401
(Autonomous Medical Institution, Government of Karnataka)
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ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಜಿಒಕೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)
ಮಂಡ್ಯ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಬೋಧಕ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಯ ಒಳ ರೋಗಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅವಶ್ಯವಿರುವ ಲಿನನ್ ಐಟಂಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಲು ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಅರ್ಹ ತಯಾರಕರು/ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ : 01. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಸಂ:ಮಿಮ್ಸ್/ಸರಬ/ಲಿನನ್/ಇ.ಟೆಂ/11/2025–26. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರ : ಲಿನನ್ ಐಟಂಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಪಡೆಯುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) : ರೂ.50.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು (ರೂ.ಐವತ್ತು ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ). ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. : 2%. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ನಿಗದಿತ ಶುಲ್ಕ (ಹಿಂದಿರುಗಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ) ದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು ಇತರೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಜಿಒಕೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಸಿಸ್ಟಮ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ http://kppp.karnataka.gov.inವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ(ರಜಾ ದಿನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ) ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.
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BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Deputy General Manager-4, 1st Floor, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560052. Email:dgm4bswml25@gmail.com
No. DGM-4/BSWML/Tend/03/2025-26 **Date: 03.11.2025**
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) (Through GOK KPPP only)
1) The Deputy General Manager-4, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the **Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru** from eligible bidders for the works detailed in the table below. The Bidders may submit tenders for works given in the table through KPPP Portal of the Government of Karnataka **(viz. https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** The Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the instructions to bidders to qualify for award of the contract.
2) Tender document may be downloaded from the KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka from 06.11.2025.
3) Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Amount put to tender (Rs. in lakhs) Excluding GST	EMD Amount (in Rs.)	Cost of Tender Document	Contract Completion Period
1	Construction of Public and Community toilets in GBA limits under Swacch Bharath mission 2.0.	**1350.00**	Rs. 13,50,000/-	As per KPPP portal	6 months

Calendar of events: 1. Last Date for receipt of Tenders is **21.11.2025 upto 4.00 p.m. 2.** Last date for uploading queries on KPP portal **12.11.2025 upto 4.00 p.m. 3.** Pre-Bid Meeting under the Chairmanship of Chief Engineer & Chief General Manager (tech), **BSWML on 13.11.2025 at 4.00 p.m at Meeting Hall,** BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru - 52. **4.** Date of Opening of Technical bids are on **24.11.2025 by 4.00 p.m. or next working day. 5.** Opening of financial bids will be intimated to technically qualified bidders.
Terms and Conditions: 1. The Employer shall not be liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the Tenderers of any tender updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the Tenderers. It is the Tenderers responsibility to verify the KPP portal for the latest information related to the tender, E-mail address of the Helpdesk is **hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com**. KPP Portal help desk telephone numbers are: 080-22371090/22373788. The tenderer is required to ensure browser capability of the computer well in advance to the last date and time for receipt of the tenders. **2.** The employer shall not be responsible for non-accessibility of KPPP portal due to internet connectivity issues and technical glitches. **3.** Any corrigendum/addendum will be published in the KPPP portal only.
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Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-4, BSWML.

SAMANGAN

Earthquake kills 20 and injures over 500 in northern Afghanistan

REUTERS

A 6.3-magnitude earthquake struck northern Afghanistan near Mazar-i-Sharif, authorities said on Monday, killing at least 20 and injuring over 500. The tremor damaged the Blue Mosque and homes across Balkh and Samangan. Authorities reported significant material losses while rescue teams aided stranded residents. AFP

WASHINGTON

Trump says not eyeing Venezuela war, but Maduro's days numbered

REUTERS

U.S. President Donald Trump downplayed fears of war with Venezuela on Sunday but said Nicolas Maduro's rule was ending soon. His remarks followed U.S. strikes on suspected drug boats in the Caribbean and Pacific that killed 65 people, drawing regional criticism and raising claims of extrajudicial actions. AFP

BEIRUT

Lebanon says Israeli strikes on south kill two, wound seven

REUTERS

Israeli strikes on southern Lebanon killed two and wounded seven on Monday, according to Lebanon's Health Ministry. Israel said it killed two Hezbollah members. Attacks hit Doueir and Aita al-Shaab towns. Israel warned of escalating operations amid renewed hostilities despite a 2024 ceasefire with Hezbollah. AFP

KHARTOUM

Hunger monitor confirms famine in Darfur's El Fasher, another city

REUTERS

A UN-backed hunger monitor on Monday confirmed famine in Sudan's El Fasher and Kadugli after Rapid Support Forces sieges. The war between RSF and the army has caused mass hunger, displacement, and violence in the area. The IPC warned famine risk extends to Tawila, Mellit, and other parts of Darfur. REUTERS

Trump justifies decision to restart nuke tests; says Pak., China doing it

President says the U.S. must test its weapons on an 'equal basis' with rival powers to ensure reliability; the U.S. has not held a nuclear detonation test since 1992, although it continues to test missile systems capable of carrying nuclear warheads

Press Trust of India
WASHINGTON

Pakistan and China are among the countries which are testing nuclear weapons, U.S. President Donald Trump has said to justify his administration's plans to resume testing of the U.S.'s nuclear assets after a gap of over three decades.

Ahead of his meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping last week, Mr. Trump announced that the U.S. will start testing nuclear weapons on an "equal basis" with rival powers.

In an interview with *CBS News*' Norah O'Donnell on Sunday, the U.S. President named Russia, China, North Korea and Pakistan as the countries testing nuclear weapons.

Aerial address: Donald Trump speaks to presspersons on board Air Force One on his way back to the White House on Sunday. AP

"Russia's testing, and China's testing, but they don't talk about it. You know, we're an open society. We're different. We talk about it... We're gonna test, because they test and others test," Mr. Trump said.

"And certainly North Korea's been testing. Pakistan's been testing," he asserted.

Shortly before meeting Mr. Xi in South Korea on Thursday last, Mr. Trump said on social media that the U.S. will resume testing nuclear weapons for the first time in three decades.

Mr. Trump claimed some of the countries conducting tests of their nuclear weapons do not acknowledge them.

"They don't go and tell you about it. You don't necessarily know where they're testing. They test way under – underground, where people don't know exactly what's happening with the test," he said.

Last week, Russian President Vladimir Putin said that Russia had tested a Poseidon nuclear-capable super torpedo.

In his remarks, Mr. Trump strongly justified his decision to restart the process for testing nuclear weapons, saying testing was necessary to ensure the reliability of the weapons. "You make nuclear weapons, and then you don't test. How are you gonna know if they work?" he said.

According to U.S. media reports, the U.S. military regularly tests its missiles that are capable of delivering a nuclear warhead, but it has not detonated the weapons since 1992.

Ties with Pak. improved, says top Bangladesh envoy

Press Trust of India
KARACHI/DHAKA

A top Bangladeshi diplomat has said that his country's ties with Pakistan have improved since last year, as he emphasised the need to establish direct sea links between Karachi and Chittagong to boost trade between the two nations.

Speaking at an event in the port city on Sunday, Bangladesh High Commissioner to Pakistan Iqbal Hussain Khan said it was not a secret that ties between the two sides had not been good for the last 10-12 years, but things have changed now.

"Relations have improved at every level and now Bangladeshi citizens are issued visas for Pakistan in 24 hours," Mr. Khan said.

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> Bangladesh High Commissioner to Pakistan

Bangladesh-Pakistan ties were at their lowest ebb during Sheikh Hasina's Awami League regime, particularly when it initiated in 2010 the trial of collaborators of Pakistani troops during the 1971 Liberation War.

Reform charter

Meanwhile, disagreements between Bangladeshi politicians have stalled a key democratic reform plan, the interim government said Monday, giving parties a week to reach consensus or face unilateral action.

Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus, who leads the government as "chief adviser", said he had inherited a "completely broken down" political system after taking over following an uprising last year.

Mr. Yunus has argued that the reform charter, which he has championed as the cornerstone of his legacy, is vital to prevent a return to authoritarian rule.

Key parties signed the document at a ceremony in October, but some said it must be ratified by a referendum.

Asif Nazrul, who holds the law portfolio, said that "despite holding talks for a long time, political parties still have unresolved issues of disagreement".

Trump does not rule out any kind of Army operation in Nigeria

Agence France-Presse
ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE

U.S. President Donald Trump has repeated his threat of a military operation in Nigeria over killings of Christians, and that it could be ground or air attacks.

As claims of Christian "persecution" in Africa's most populous country have found traction online among the U.S. and European right, experts say Nigeria's myriad conflicts kill both Christians and Muslims without distinction.

Mr. Trump's remarks came after the Nigerian presidency suggested a meeting between the two leaders to resolve the issue.

Asked by a reporter aboard Air Force One if he was considering U.S. troops on the ground in Nigeria or air strikes, Mr. Trump replied: "Could be, I mean, a lot of things – I envisage a lot of things."

Nigeria's government denies that Christians are especially targeted.

UAE is supplying weapons to RSF militia, says Sudan's ambassador to India Eltom

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Sudan is not in a state of civil war and is confronting attacks from "non-regional actors" that include the UAE, which is supplying weapons to the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) militia that has been killing civilians in El Fasher city in Darfur in western Sudan, said the Sudanese ambassador to India on Monday.

Addressing a press conference at the Embassy here, Ambassador Mohammed Abdalla Ali Eltom said stopping the supply of weapons by the UAE to the RSF will be the "first step" in "ending the war".

"Sudan is not facing a civil war. We are confronting conspiracies of non-regional actors. The RSF is acting like a proxy foreign powers and a few countries in the region are acting as corridors for arms supply to the RSF," said Mr. Eltom, explaining that the UAE's weapons are being channelled through Libya and Chad.

"The militia threatens to destabilise the entire region from the Red Sea to the Central African region.

The RSF threatens to destabilise the entire region from the Red Sea to Central Africa, says the envoy

Therefore, the international community must designate the RSF as a terrorist organisation and impose targeted sanctions on them and on all weapons suppliers that are supporting the RSF," said Mr. Eltom.

The RSF, which has been carrying out attacks in El Fasher, is using "strategic drones" that are capable of flying for long duration which indicate that state-level armed forces are involved in arming the RSF.

The Sudanese envoy acknowledged India's humanitarian assistance to Sudan during the crisis that has been continuing since April 2023. He appreciated India's decision to maintain the embassy in Sudan despite the violence.

He also confirmed that an Indian national was captured by RSF in El Fasher as militants entered the city on October 26.

Xi jokes about spying with Chinese phone gift for S. Korea's Lee

Agence France-Presse
SEOUL

Xi Jinping joked about spying on South Korea's President as he gifted him a pair of smartphones, telling him to "check if there is a backdoor" in a rare jest from the Chinese leader that made headlines in Seoul.

The light-hearted exchange took place on Saturday in the city of Gyeongju, when Mr. Xi and President Lee Jae Myung presented gifts to each other on the sidelines of an APEC summit, marking Mr. Xi's first visit to South Korea in more than a decade.

Mr. Xi presented two Xiaomi smartphones to Mr. Lee, who quipped: "Is the communication line secure?"

Mr. Xi replied: "You should check if there is a backdoor," referring to pre-installed software that could allow third-party monitoring.

Mr. Xi is rarely seen making jokes, let alone about espionage.

Sport

Narayanan coasts to victory against Rojas

CHESS WORLD CUP

P.K. Ajith Kumar
ARPORA (GOA)

After the teaser, the thriller opens on Tuesday.

The chess World Cup's second round is where the real action begins: all the big stars, given a bye in the opening round, start their campaigns here at Resort Rio.

The knock-out format ensures even the strongest Grandmasters cannot afford big mistakes.

Top Indians like D. Gukesh, R. Praggnanandhaa, Arjun Erigaisi, Nihal Sarin and Aravindh Chithambaram as well as overseas stars such as Anish Giri, Levon Aronian and Maxime Vachier-Lagrave will be there to spice up the tournament.

Fast and furious: Narayanan proved his superiority in the tie-breaker to advance to round two. FIDE

From the first round, nine Indians have moved to the second.

Six of them had gone through by scoring at least 1.5 points from the two classical games.

The others came through the tie-breaker route, featuring games of much shorter time controls. The first to clinch a spot in the second round was S.L. Narayanan, who won both games in the first set of rapid games against Steven Rojas of Peru.

"I had it pretty easy in the rapid games, but that certainly wasn't the case in the classical format," said the Thiruvananthapuram-based player, rated more than 200 Elo points above his opponent.

"In the classical games, he had played much better than his rating."

Diptayan impresses

A little after Narayanan romped home 2-0, Diptayan Ghosh also came out of the venue, smiling.

He too won by an identical margin, against his Chinese rival Peng Xiongjian.

Later on, fellow-Kolkatan and fellow-Ghosh, Aronyak, too made it to the second round, after beating his higher-rated rival Mateusz Bartel of Poland 2-0 in the second set of tie-breakers; they had a win each in the first.

The two other Indians in the tie-breakers, R. Raja Rithvik and M.R. Lalith Babu lost, in the third set of tie-breakers, to Kazybek Nogerbek of Kazakhstan and Max Warmerdam of the Netherlands.

They both put up strong fights though, and took the matches to the third set of tie-breaks.

The day, however, was Faustino Oro's.

The 12-year-old Argentine overcame Ante Brkic of Croatia, 25 years his senior and 69 points above in rating.

The prodigy won 2-0 in the third set of tie-breaks.

Important results (first round; tie-break):
Robert Hovhannisyan (Arm) bt Kavin Mohan (Mas) 1.5-0.5; S.L. Narayanan bt Steven Rojas (Cub) 2-0; Diptayan Ghosh bt Peng Xiongjian (Chn) 2-0.
Aronyak Ghosh bt Mateusz Bartel (Pol) 1-1, 2-0; Kazybek Nogerbek bt (Kaz) bt R. Raja Rithvik 1-1, 1-1, 2-0; Max Warmerdam (Ned) bt M.R. Lalith Babu 1-1, 1-1, 2-0; Faustino Oro (Arg) bt Ante Brkic (Cro) 1-1, 1-1, 2-0.

Rybakina downs Swiatek in WTA Finals

Agence France-Presse
RIYADH

Elena Rybakina extended her winning streak to eight matches with a 3-6, 6-1, 6-0 victory over second-seeded Iga Swiatek in round-robin play at the WTA Finals here on Monday.

After cruising past Amanda Anisimova in her opener on Saturday, Rybakina claimed her second win of the week to move to the top of the Serena Williams Group and get closer to a berth in Friday's semifinals.

In another match, fourth-seeded Amanda Anisimova rallied to beat American compatriot Madison Keys 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Blasters inch closer to semifinal with easy win over Sporting Club

SUPER CUP

Neeladri Bhattacharjee
BAMBOLIM

Kerala Blasters (KBFC) was at its attacking best as it hammered three goals without reply against Sporting Club Delhi (SCD) in their AIFF Super Cup Group D match here on Monday.

Koldo Obieta found the net twice, while Thingujam Korou Singh scored with a brilliant overhead kick in a dominant victory.

In the other Group D match, Rajasthan United (RUFC) stunned Mumbai City (MCFC) with a 1-0 win in Margao.

Robinson Blandon scored the winner, with RUFC becoming the first second-division side to win a match in this edition of the tournament.

RUFC's victory keeps the group open as three teams – Rajasthan, KBFC and MCFC – will vie for a lone semifinal spot.

If MCFC wins against KBFC and RUFC beats SCD, Rajasthan will go through. If MCFC wins against KBFC but RUFC drops points, Mumbai City will be through.

However, anything but a loss for KBFC will see it through.

The results: Kerala Blasters 3 (Obieta 18 & 23, Korou 34) bt Sporting Club Delhi 0
Rajasthan United 1 (Blandon 43) bt Mumbai City FC 0.

IT HAD TO HAPPEN!

It was destiny that the wait for a world title ended at home: Deepti

ICC

Deepti Sharma felt Harmanpreet's Team India was destined to end its long wait for an ICC world title at home. "It took us really long to win the World Cup, but what God has written for you happens only at the destined time, and I think it was written to take place in India," said Player-of-the-Tournament Deepti.

PROUD COACH

'Fantastic to work with such a talented and committed group'

EMMANUAL YOGINI

We had a series of camps before the World Cup. The mood was set there and in Guwahati when we beat Sri Lanka. It's been fantastic to work with such a talented and committed group. My playing days are gone and there's no imprint in my mind. But, whatever experience I have, I love to share it — Amol Muzumdar, India coach.

A SECRET

Family hides grandmother's heart attack news from Amanjot

EMMANUAL YOGINI

The news of her grandmother suffering a heart attack was not conveyed to Amanjot Kaur to ensure she didn't lose focus. "The news of India's victory and the outstanding performance by Amanjot have given a new life to my mother," her father said. Amanjot took a vital catch to dismiss Laura Wolvaardt in the final.

TOKEN OF APPRECIATION

BCCI announces a cash reward of ₹51 crore for Women in Blue

EMMANUAL YOGINI

The BCCI announced cash reward for the Indian women's cricket team. "As a token of appreciation, the BCCI will reward the Indian women's cricket team with a cash award of ₹51 crore for winning the World Cup. It includes all the players, support staff and national selection committee," secretary Devajit Saikia said on Monday.

From survival to scaling the peak – the India story

Despite the hiccups and struggles, Harmanpreet's side maintains its focus and intensity; Women in Blue realise the dream of winning the 50-over showpiece, and that too in front of the home crowd

All for one, one for all: It was a triumph to savour for India as well as Pratika who missed the knockouts due to injury. EMMANUAL YOGINI

ODI WORLD CUP

Lavanya L
NAVI MUMBAI

Home World Cups are funny little things. If you win, the sheer scale of history eclipses everything else.

For India, it was third time lucky.

In 2005 and 2017, Mithali Raj led two different groups of dreamers who dared to look for a triumph, but didn't quite have all the tools in the shed.

Much behind giants like Australia, England, and even New Zealand, India's tall aspirations vanished without so much as a whimper.

The 2025 bunch was battle-hardened. The core of the side - Harmanpreet Kaur, Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues and Deepti Sharma - had seen too many soul-crushing reality checks across World Cups and global events like the Commonwealth Games. It explained the change in perspective when fighting for ultimate glory in front of boisterous, expectation-filled home crowd.

> It's a watershed moment in Indian cricket. I don't know how many crores of people must have watched on TV and gotten inspired in some way. The more you have these kinds of days, the more inspired people get
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> **MUZUMDAR**
> India head coach

This side visualised victory and operated like there was no other option.

India is not a champion without flaws.

Losses to eventual semi-finalists balanced by scraping through with help from a large pool of washed-out matches, particularly in Colombo, might not have been the preferred survival hack.

But India accepted every bit of luck it got.

With crowds tirelessly working to get India's campaign off ventilator support, India made the knockouts, with two games to prove that it was better than its recent results.

A five-wicket triumph against Australia orchestrated by Jemimah and Harmanpreet, and a 52-run win in the final stitched by Shafali Verma and Deepti Sharma's all-round brilliance firmly fixed the crown on the nation's head.

Could this run to ultimate glory have been less packed with a persistent tightness in the chest? Of course.

India was initially stubborn about its playing combination and deficiencies in critical areas with the bat.

A side that dropped spark for sustenance (Shafali) found itself doggedly defending stagnancy, which ultimately brought the three worrying losses.

India had to admit shortcomings and eat humble pie for the cricketing Gods to bestow favour. The late course corrections were thankfully right on time.

> It was a special campaign for South Africa. A lot of good things are going to happen for this team. To see how the team has progressed is humbling. When nobody gave us a chance, we gave ourselves one. Sometimes, things have to go wrong to go right
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> **MASHIMBYI**
> SA head coach

The same can't be said of the mixed bag of a hosting show by India and Sri Lanka. Scheduling games in regions during what have consistently been monsoon months ruined valuable opportunities for nations outside the top tier.

Foreign players dealt with the unsavoury experience of having their modesty outraged, leading to a revelatory discourse on the overwhelmingly dire standards of safety for women in public spaces and who the onus of protection is on.

Home World Cups this decade have earned an unwanted reputation for being poorly planned. Venue and schedule announcements were fashionably late.

Tickets sold for astronomical prices and on the black market, old norms of consuming the sport in India, have embraced the women's game too.

Through and despite all this, the stories of this bunch of trailblazers, who carry the regrets of those before them and the aspirations of those who will follow, are what should endure.

A team with seniors and youngsters taking baby steps in international cricket, in equal measure, have come together to hoist the Indian tricolour.

This isn't the end of a long tale, but the beginning of an all-new one.

The main thing was to keep playing our game: Harmanpreet

Lavanya L
NAVI MUMBAI

After a rain-enforced two-hour delay, Harmanpreet Kaur walked out of the dugout at the D.Y. Patil Stadium here on Sunday to take a look at the pitch, which was under covers for most of the day.

She put her palms on the surface and soaked it all in – the flat track in front of her as well as the magnitude of the occasion.

After losing the toss yet again, India was put in to bat in the summit clash against South Africa. While Harmanpreet knew that getting runs on the board was a must, she was also wary of setting specific targets. "We knew we might have to bat first. We knew it would be tough conditions, but credit to Smriti (Mandhana) and Shafali (Verma). They handled the first 10 overs well," she said.

"Our aim was simple - we knew that if we thought of a big target, we would come under pressure. The main thing was to keep batting and playing our game. We tried to put 300 runs on the board; we were one run short."

"We came onto the field as a strong unit. Whenever needed, we got a breakthrough. It was a very good match," she added.

The skipper also said that the mood in the squad was upbeat after the revised schedule was released.

"As soon as we got to know that the (final) venue changed to DY Patil Stadium, we all got so happy because we've always played good cricket there. The biggest thing is the crowd – it's always so supportive," she said.

"When the venue changed from Bengaluru, we all started messaging in the group. We were manifesting. We said, "The final is going to be there – we won't leave it now." As soon as we reached Mumbai, we said, 'We've come home now.'"

A new era begins

The team showed exceptional teamwork and tenacity throughout the tournament. The historic win will motivate future champions to take up sports
PM NARENDRA MODI

You have waited long enough, shed tears, copped criticism, but have finally created history
W.V. RAMAN

This is a defining moment in the journey of Indian women's cricket
SACHIN TENDULKAR

Overwhelming emotions. Joy out of bounds!
ANJUM CHOPRA

I've been dreaming about this for over two decades. Tonight, it finally came true. You didn't just win a trophy, you won every heart that ever beat for Indian women's cricket
MITHALI RAJ

This was my dream, and you've made it come true
JHULAN GOSWAMI

Feeding my baby at midnight and watching India's women conquer the world... that's what womanhood looks like. Strength in every form!
VINESH PHOGAT

What a performance!
NEERAJ CHOPRA

A remarkable campaign from start to finish — disciplined, fearless and united.
ANIL KUMBLE

You've created a legacy that will inspire generations of girls!
GAUTAM GAMBHIR

This is a win that will echo through generations.
V.V.S. LAXMAN

A new era begins, all thanks to the grit, determination and skill of our Women in Blue. They put their bodies on the line for this dream
YUVRAJ SINGH

You've made every Indian proud with your fearless cricket and belief throughout.
VIRAT KOHLI

The global women's game is booming... what a final, what a tournament!
A.B. DE VILLIERS

Absolute champions!
D. GUKESH

Twinkling stars

BATTING	Inns	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100s/50s
Wolvaardt (SA)	9	571	169	71.37	98.78	2/3
Smriti (Ind)	9	434	109	54.25	99.08	1/2
Gardner (Aus)	5	328	115	82.00	130.15	2/1
Pratika (Ind)	6	308	122	51.33	77.77	1/1
Litchfield (Aus)	7	304	119	50.66	112.17	1/1
BOWLING	**Inns**	**Wkts**	**BB**	**Avg**	**Econ**	**4W/5W**
Deepti (Ind)	9	22	5/39	20.40	5.52	1/1
Sutherland (Aus)	7	17	5/40	15.82	4.45	0/1
Ecclestone (Eng)	7	16	4/17	14.25	4.05	2/0
Shree Charani (Ind)	9	14	3/41	27.64	4.96	0/0
King (Aus)	7	13	7/18	17.38	4.03	0/1
Mlaba (SA)	9	13	4/40	22.69	4.83	1/0

Wolvaardt rues losing big wickets to Shafali

Lavanya L
NAVI MUMBAI

Three years. Three finals. Three losses. South Africa once again came agonisingly close to World Cup glory, only to fall short in the final stretch.

In the defeat to India in the final at the D.Y. Patil Stadium, the side fought till the end in a challenging 299-run chase, but ran out of wickets and courage to close out a win.

"I thought we were in the chase for a very long time. We were pretty neck-and-neck with them. I thought mine and (Annerie) Derksen's partnership was pretty big and thought we could keep it going till the end," Laura Wolvaardt told reporters after India beat her team to the Women's World Cup crown.

> India just wanted it more. To win a World Cup at home is very special
>
> **MASHIMBYI**
> SA head coach

"She fell just as we were trying to launch into the back ten, and I fell soon after. I still thought Chloe Tryon and Nadine de Klerk could do it together, but I think we left Nades with a bit too much to do by herself." The Proteas skipper also admitted that they were surprised by India's decision to hand Shafali Verma the ball.

"Didn't really expect her to bowl much, so a bit of a surprise factor from there. She just bowled really slowly and front of the hand and picked up a few wickets. You don't want to lose wickets to a part-time bowler in a World Cup final," she explained.

"It was frustrating that she was able to pick up two and two big ones as well. We had to err on the side of caution to not give her any more wickets. She bowled pretty well. It was frustrating because she's not really the person we planned for."

INBRIEF

Oldest Olympic champion Coste passes away at 101

World's oldest Olympic champion, former track cyclist Charles Coste, passed away aged 101, French sports minister Marina Ferrari announced on Sunday. Coste won gold at the 1948 London Olympics and was a torch bearer at the 2024 Paris Games. Coste passed away on Thursday.

Afghanistan coach Trott set to part ways after 2026 T20 WC

The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) on Monday announced the tenure of head coach Jonathan Trott will officially conclude following the ICC T20 World Cup 2026, set to take place in February. This decision comes as part of ACB's long-term strategic planning for the next phase of the national team's growth, according to a release from ACB.

Malkeet and Hussain win in opening round

India's Malkeet Singh and Hussain Khan started their campaign on a winning note on the opening day of the IBSF World snooker championships in Doha on Monday. Malkeet outplayed Essa Al Qubaisi of Qatar 4-0 in the opening round of the first stage of men's competition. Later, Hussain scored a 4-0 win over Shivan Mohammedali of Sweden. The highlight of the Indian's win was a fine break of 61 in the fourth frame.

Sinner and Alcaraz to play exhibition match in Incheon

Jannik Sinner and Carlos Alcaraz will face off in an exhibition match in South Korea in January ahead of the Australian Open, organisers said on Monday. Italy's Sinner usurped his rival from Spain as world No. 1 after winning the Paris Masters for the first time on Sunday. The two best players in men's tennis will meet in the Hyundai Card Super Match on January 10 at Incheon. "For domestic tennis fans it will be the very first opportunity to see the two top-ranked players compete," said a Hyundai press release.

Champions League schedule

Napoli vs Eintracht Frankfurt; Slavia Prague vs Arsenal (both matches at 11.15 p.m., Tuesday).
Atletico Madrid vs Union St.-Gilloise; Bodo/Glimt vs AS Monaco; Juventus vs Sporting CP; Liverpool vs Real Madrid; Olympiacos vs Eindhoven; PSG vs Bayern Munich; Tottenham vs København (all matches at 1.30 a.m., Wednesday).

LIVE TELECAST

Ranji Trophy: Star Sports Khel & JioHotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Chess: World Cup, FIDE YouTube channel, 3 p.m.
Champions League: Sony Sports Ten 2, 5 & LIV, 11.15 p.m.

Pacers Kaverappa and Vyshak wreck Kerala

Karnataka enforces the follow-on, eyes its first win of the season; Aparajith with a half-century, the only batter to offer resistance as the home team folds for 238

RANJI TROPHY

M.R. Praveen Chandran
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Strike force: Kaverappa's four-wicket haul helped Karnataka secure a huge lead. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Pacers Vidwath Kaverappa and V. Vyshak boosted Karnataka's chances of securing its first win of the season by forcing Kerala to follow-on on the penultimate day of the Ranji Trophy Elite Group-B match at the KCA stadium, Mangalapuram here on Monday.

The sustained hostility of both the pacers, coupled with rank bad shots by Kerala batters saw the host tumble to 238 all out in the first innings after resuming at the overnight 21 for three. Following on, Kerala's makeshift opening pair of Krishna Prasad (two batting) and M.D. Nidheesh (four batting) survived another testing spell from the pacers to end the day at 10 for no loss, still trailing by 338 runs.

Kaverappa (four for 42) dealt the early blow by cleaning up overnight batter Akshay Chandran (11) with an inswinger and then struck N.P. Basil a blow on the head with a bouncer, forcing him to retire hurt. But B. Aparajith and Sachin Baby resisted and added 86 runs for the fifth wicket. Aparajith pulled Kaverappa for two sixes over square-leg and drove him through covers to reach his fifty before lunch. However, Sachin Baby (31) fell at the stroke of lunch, guiding Kaverappa to Shreyas Gopal at point.

Aparajith dominated the spinners as the pacers rested. Ahammed Imran played second fiddle in the sixth-wicket association with Aparajith which yielded 68 runs.

However, Aparajith (88), who looked set for a century, edged a catch to wicket-keeper Aneesh while trying to square-cut left-arm spinner Shikhar Shetty. Soon after, Ahammed Imran unwisely chose to attack Shreyas Gopal and wandered from his crease for Aneesh effect a stumping. Shikhar castled Mohammed Azharuddeen (six) to leave Kerala in dire straits. But Shoun Roger (29) and concussion sub Eden Apple Tom (10 not out) batted defiantly for nearly 18 overs. V. Vyshak (three for 62) returned and ended Shoun's resistance before wrapping up the Kerala innings by rearranging M.U. Harikrishnan's (6) stumps.

The scores: Karnataka — 1st innings: 586 for five decl.

Kerala — 1st innings: Krishna Prasad c Aneesh b Vyshak 4, N.P. Basil retired hurt 12, M.D. Nidheesh b Kaverappa 0, Vaisakh Chandran c (sub) Nikin bt Kaverappa 0, Akshay Chandran b Kaverappa 11, Sachin Baby c Shreyas b Kaverappa 31, B. Aparajith c Aneesh b Shikhar 88, Ahammed Imran st Shrijith b Shreyas 31, Mohammed Azharuddeen b Shikar 6, Shoun Roger lbw Vyshak 29, Eden Apple Tom (concussion sub) (not out) 10, M.U. Harikrishnan b Vyshak 6; Extras: (b-1, lb-9): 10; Total (in 95 overs): 238.

Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-10, 3-14, 4-28, 5-114, 6-182, 7-186, 8-202, 9-232.

Karnataka bowling: Kaverappa 22-9-42-4, Vyshak 21-6-62-3, Shreyas 20-6-47-1, Shikhar 20-2-53-2, Mohsin 12-2-24-0.

Kerala — 2nd innings: Krishna Prasad (batting) 2, M.D. Nidheesh (batting) 4, Extras: (b-4):4, Total (for no loss in 3 overs): 10.

Karnataka bowling: Kaverappa 2-1-1-0, Vyshak 1-0-5-0.

RANJI SCORES — ROUND 3 (DAY THREE)

Elite: Group A:

Cuttack: Andhra 475/7 decl. vs. Odisha 151 in 56.4 overs (Gourav Choudhury 48, Sandeep Pattnaik 58) & 190/2 in 58 overs (Gourav Choudhury 79 batting, Sandeep Pattnaik 63).

Ranchi: Jharkhand 510/8 decl. vs. Nagaland 154 in 73.5 overs (Dega Nischal 41, Chetan Bist 46 n.o., Anukul Roy 8/55) & 104/5 in 36 overs (Rongsen Jonathan 50).

Vadodara: Baroda vs. Uttar Pradesh (no play).

Coimbatore: Tamil Nadu 291 & 6/0 in five overs vs. Vidarbha 501 in 148.4 overs (Aman Mokhade 80, Dhruv Shorey 82, R. Samarth 56, Yash Rathod 133, Akshay Wadkar 43, Nachiket Bhute 51 n.o., R. Sai Kishore 5/150).

Group B: Nashik: Saurashtra 165/1 in 50 overs (Harvik Desai 70 batting, Jay Gohil 74 batting) vs. Maharashtra.

New Chandigarh: Punjab 325 vs. Goa 439/3 in 107 overs (Suyash Prabhudessai 149, Manthan Khutkar 86, Abhinav Tejrana 131, Snehal Kauthankar 54 batting).

Indore: Madhya Pradesh 384/8 decl. in 106 overs (Harpreet Singh 116, Venkatesh Iyer 65, Aryan Pandey 40, Jagjit Singh 5/69) vs. Chandigarh 236/4 in 68 overs (Shivam Bhambri 52, Manan Vohra 52, Ankit Kaushik 59 batting).

Mangalapuram: Karnataka 586/5 decl. vs. Kerala 238 in 95 overs (B. Aparajith 88, Vidhwath Kaverappa 4/42) & 10/0 in three overs.

Group C: Agartala: Bengal 336 in 115.5 overs (Sudip Kumar Gharami 108, Shakir Habib Gandhi 95, Shahbaz Ahmed 40) vs. Tripura 273/7 in 78 overs (Hanuma Vihari 121 batting, Manisankar Murasingh 42 batting, Mohammed Kaif 4/53).

Guwahati: Railways 224 in 65 overs (Vivek Singh 43, Bhargav Merai 73 n.o.) vs. Assam 99/1 in 30 overs (Swarupam Purkayastha 70 batting).

Ahmedabad: Gujarat 163 & 113/8 in 45 overs (Urvil Patel 44) vs. Haryana 239 in 84.5 overs (Dheeru Singh 41, Parth Vats 48, Yashvardhan Dalal 55 n.o., Siddharth Desai 4/43).

Delhi: Uttarakhand 257 & 88 in 38 overs (Arjun Sharma 6/41, Vikas Yadav 4/22) vs. Services 223 in 88.2 overs (Mohit Ahlawat 75, Ravi Chauhan 51, Mayank Mishra 4/86) & 71/5 in 30 overs.

Group D: Raipur: Jammu & Kashmir 394 vs. Chhattisgarh 297/6 in 115 overs (Ashutosh Singh 90, Amandeep Khare 73 batting).

Delhi: Delhi 294 & 76/0 in 23 overs (Arpit Rana 40 batting) vs. Pondicherry 481 in 117.1 overs (Ajay Rohera 151, Paras Ratnaparkhe 43, Anand Bais 48, Aman Khan 66, Jayant Yadav 71).

Jaipur: Mumbai 254 & 89/0 in 22 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 56 batting) vs. Rajasthan 617/6 decl. in 153.3 overs (Sachin Yadav 92, Mahipal Lomror 41, Deepak Hooda 248, Kartik Sharma 139).

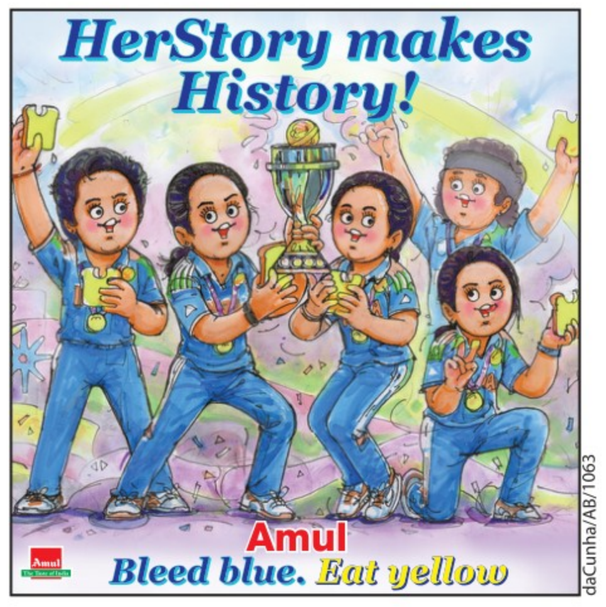
Nadaun: Himachal Pradesh 318 & 303 in 70.2 overs (Ekant Sen 68, Akash Vasisht 101 n.o., Mayank Dagar 52) vs. Hyderabad 278 in 75.2 overs (Chama Milind 98, Vaibhav Arora 4/51) & 8/0 in four overs.

Plate: Patna: Meghalaya 235/4 in 82 overs (Ajay Duhan 129, Swastic Chettri 54 batting) vs Bihar. **Toss:** Bihar.

Ahmedabad: Manipur 505/3 decl. bt Arunachal Pradesh 247 in 78 overs (Licha Jhon 59, Myendung Singpho 77, Bishworjit Konthoujam 4/41) & 139 in 48.3 overs (Bishworjit Konthoujam 4/27).

Points: Manipur 7(11), Arunachal 0(0).

Anand: Mizoram 424 in 105 overs (Lalhruaizela 43, Armaan Jaffer 178, Codanda Ajit Karthik 54, K.C. Cariappa 58, Kranthi Kumar 4/75) vs. Sikkim 158/3 in 56 overs (Amit Rajera 47 batting).



Sinner back as World No. 1 with Paris Masters win

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TENNIS

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Jannik Sinner won the Paris Masters for the first time, beating Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-4, 7-6(4) on Sunday as the four-time Grand Slam champion reclaimed his position atop the world rankings.

The 24-year-old's maiden crown in Paris, coupled with incumbent World No. 1 Carlos Alcaraz crashing out early in the tournament, will see Sinner return to the pinnacle of men's tennis when the ATP rankings are updated on Monday. The Italian first claimed the No. 1 ranking in June last year and held it for 65 weeks until he lost the US Open title match to Alcaraz in September.

Even sweeter

Reclaiming top spot from his rival in Paris will taste even sweeter for Sinner after he went down in a five-set final to Alcaraz at Roland-Garros earlier in the season. "I'm of course happy," Sinner said.

IOA to give away cash reward to medallists of Asian Youth Games

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has announced cash rewards for medallists at the recently concluded third Asian Youth Games in Bahrain. The Indian contingent finished with 48 medals.

The gold medallists will get ₹5 lakh each, silver and bronze medallists will be given 3 lakh and 2 lakh each, while fourth-place finishers will get ₹50,000 each. Coaches of medal-winning athletes will receive ₹1,00,000 each. The kabaddi teams will be given ₹10,00,000 each.

Barcelona gets back to winning ways; Milan edges Roma

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Breaking the deadlock: Yamal scores Barcelona's first. AFP

Lamine Yamal scored early as Barcelona rebounded from its clasico defeat by beating Elche 3-1 at home to regain second place in LaLiga. Ferran Torres and Marcus Rashford also scored for Barcelona on Sunday, a week after it lost 1-2 at Real Madrid. Barcelona is five points behind league leader Real Madrid.

In Serie A, Strahinja Pavlovic scored the only goal as AC Milan edged Roma 1-0 to prevent the capital club from taking top spot in the league on Sunday.

Roma was hoping to move two points clear at the summit after reigning champion and leader Napoli was held to a goalless draw on Saturday by Como.

But Pavlovic's strike and a late missed penalty from Paulo Dybala ensured Milan instead climbed into third place, level on points with both second-placed Inter and Roma, which dropped to fourth.

Erling Haaland's relentless streak is maintaining Manchester City's title challenge as it reduced the gap to leader Arsenal back to six points after he scored twice in City's 3-1 win over AFC Bournemouth. "Important win," said Haaland. "It's good to bounce back after losing a bad away game. I tried to contribute for the team by doing my job."

Top results:

LaLiga: Barcelona 3 (Yamal 9, Torres 12, Rashford 61) bt Elche 1 (Mir 42); Real Betis 3 (Antony 10, 34, Abde 37) bt Mallorca 0.

Serie A: Parma 1 (Bernabe 1) lost to Bologna 3 (Castro 17, 68, Miranda 90+2); AC Milan 1 (Pavlovic 39) bt Roma 0.

HI announces centenary celebrations

HOCKEY

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Hockey India and the Sports Ministry on Monday announced plans to celebrate 100 years of Indian Hockey on November 7 at the National Stadium here, including programmes across the country.

The centenary celebration events in the national capital will include a 30-minute exhibition match in the morning between Sports Minister XI and Hockey India Mixed XI, with players from both the men's and women's junior and senior national teams participating, felicitation of former players and release of an official commemorative volume titled 100 Years of Indian Hockey, chronicling the sport's journey.

A photo exhibition of rare archival photographs, memorabilia, and Olympic moments from 1928 till date will also be held at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium along with entertainment programmes throughout the day.

Across the country, the federation plans to host 1400 matches, both men and women, simultaneously across 550 districts involving more than 36,000 players at the grassroots.

"As India celebrates 100 years of hockey, we honour a century of pride, perseverance, and national glory. This milestone is an occasion to remember our heroes who brought honour to the country and to draw inspiration from their journey.

"Hockey is more than just a sport for India - it is part of our identity and collective spirit," Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Karnataka announces unchanged Ranji squad

Karnataka, on Monday, announced an unchanged squad from the one that is currently competing against Kerala for its Ranji Trophy matches against Maharashtra in Pune from November 8 to 11 and Chandigarh in Hubballi from November 16 to 19.

The squad:

Mayank Agarwal (Capt.), Nikin Jose, Karun Nair, R. Smaran, K.L. Shrijith (wk), K.V. Aneesh, Abhinav Manohar, V. Vyshak, Vidwath Kaverappa, Shreyas Gopal, Kruthik Krishna (wk), Shikhar Shetty, Mohsin Khan, Abhilash Shetty and M. Venkatesh.

Aneeshwar to lead

Aneeshwar Gautam will lead Karnataka in the BCCI men's under-23 State-A trophy which will be held in Jaipur from Nov. 9 to 19.

The squad:

Aneeshwar Gautam (Capt.), Prakhar Chaturvedi, S.U. Karthik, E.J. Jasper, Harshil Dharmani, K.P. Karthikeya, Dhruv Prabhakar, Sanjay Ashwin, Hardik Raj, K. Shashikumar, Yashovardhan Parantap, L. Manvanth Kumar, Faizan Khan, Samit Dravid, Yash Raj Punja and Dheeraj J. Gowda.

Karnataka thumps Himachal, tops Group A

Karnataka thrashed Himachal Pradesh by 59 runs to top Group-A with 20 points in the BCCI under-19 women's T20 trophy in Nagpur.

In the quarterfinal in Kolkata on November 8, Karnataka will play either Uttar Pradesh or Delhi.

The scores:

Karnataka 150/7 in 20 overs (Rachitha Hatwar 32, Liyanka Shetty 53, Pallavi Thakur 3/28) bt Himachal Pradesh 91 in 16.3 overs (V. Veda Varshini 3/13).

Quarterfinal squad:

Vandita K. Rao (Capt.), Rachitha Hatwar, Shreya Chavan, Liyanka Shetty, Lavanya Chalana, Kashvi Kandikuppa, Deeksha J. Honushree, Karnika Karthick, Srinithi P. Rai, Priya Chavan, Veda Varshini, Nandani Chauhan, Silkin Patel, Rimjhim Shukla, C.D. Deeksha and K.V. Disha.

Chhattisgarh secures first-innings lead

MYSURU: Chhattisgarh bowled out Karnataka for 212 in 79.1 overs in the first innings and gained a first-innings lead of 91 on the second day of u-23 Col. C.K. Nayudu Trophy Elite match on Monday.

The scores:

Chhattisgarh 303 in 83 overs & 14/0 in nine overs vs Karnataka 212 in 79.1 overs (Harshil Dharmani 80, Dhruv Prabhakar 33, Mayank Yadav 3/48).

Agniputhra downs MEG & Centre

FC Agniputhra slammed six goals to no reply against MEG & Centre FC in the KSFA Super Division League football here on Monday.

The results:

Agniputhra 6 (Crispin C. Cleetus 20, Azfar Noorani 26, 82, Samphrangshai Ranoi 39, 65, Aaryan Amla 48) bt MEG & Centre 0; Parikrma 2 (Thangjalen Haokip 40, Tabish 45+3) drew with Bangalore Dream United 2 (K. Lalrinfela 36, 69); Bengaluru 5 (K.P. Shamnad 41, Rakshit P. Anil 49, 73, Y. Aipharemba Chingakham 77, Md. Arbash 90+3) bt United Stars 1 (G. Saravana Kumar 6).